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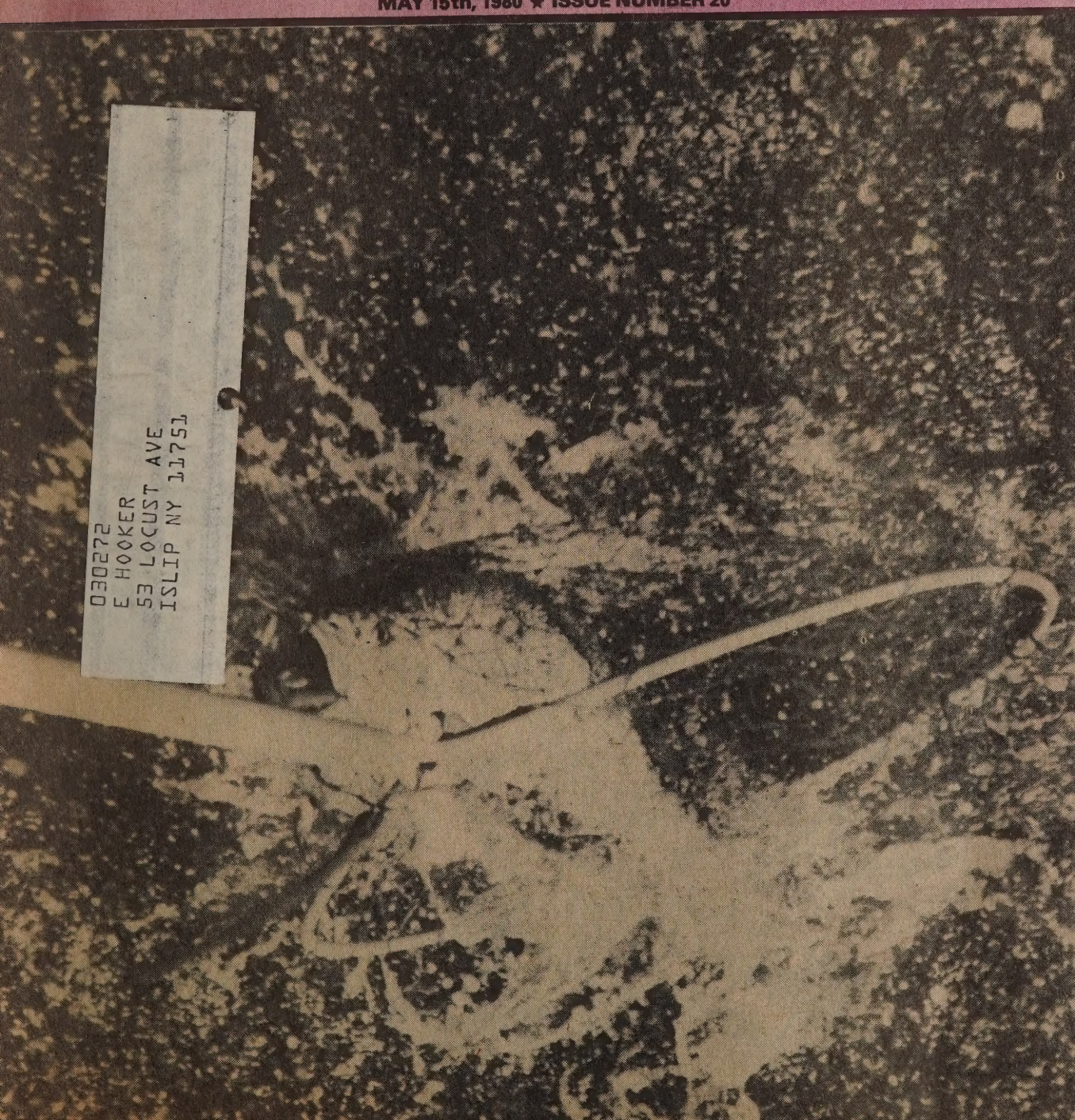

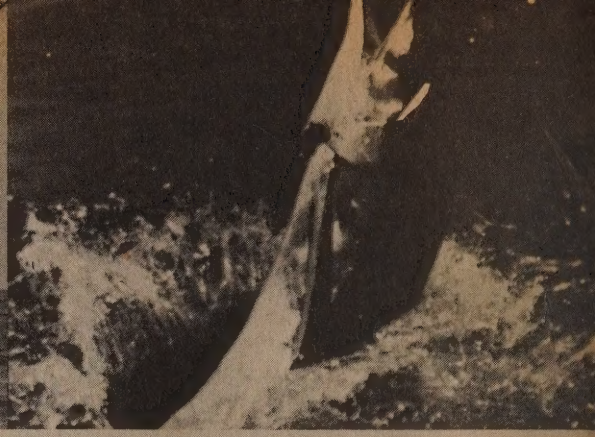

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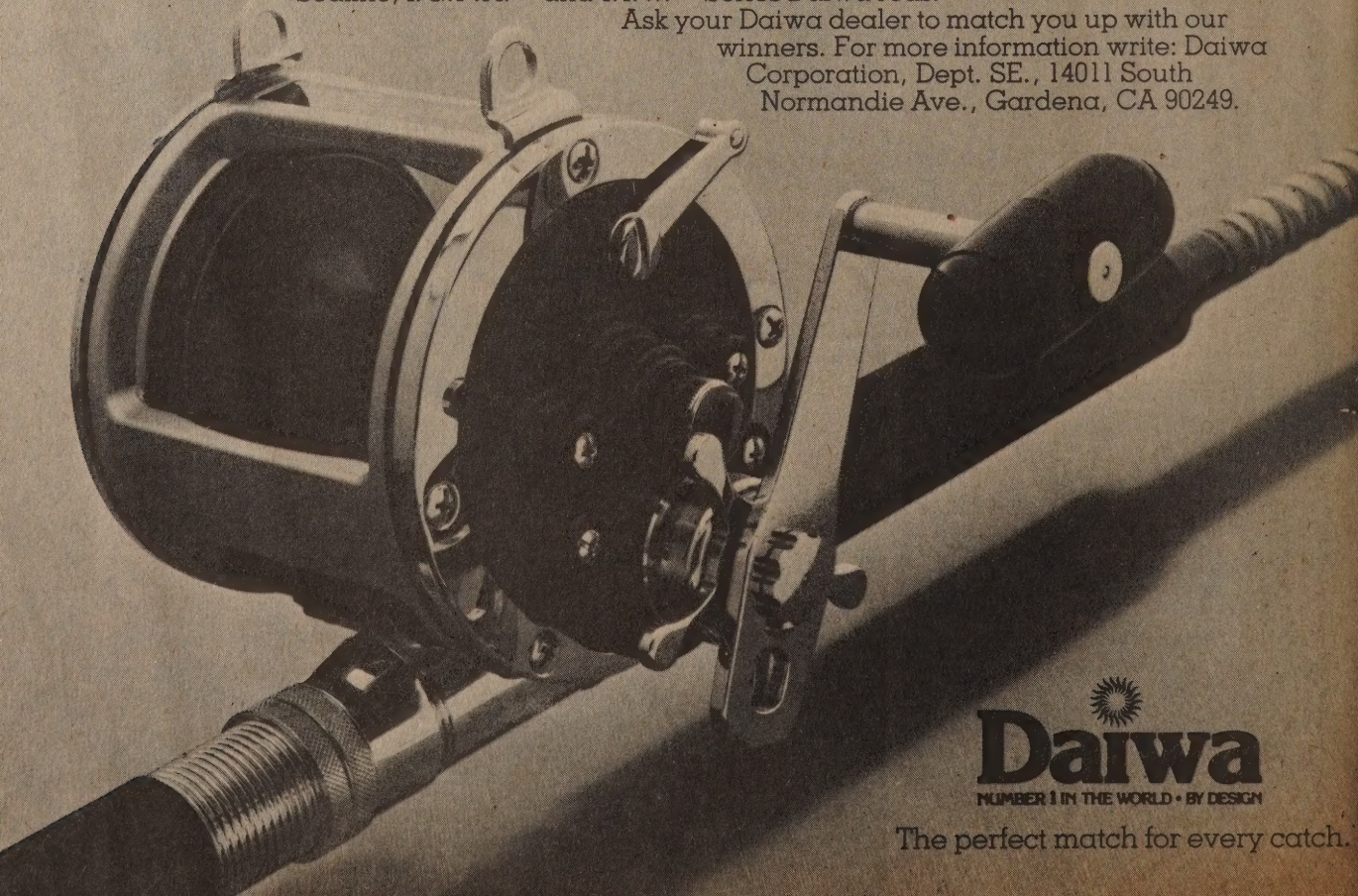

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A large weakfish being netted tears up the water as it tries to throw a jelly worm it tried to eat. See the article *"Peconic Weaks & Gardiners Flounder"* on page 25 of this issue.

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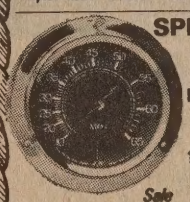

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RESTORING RODS

I greatly enjoy your column when it appears in LIF and now find it necessary to put the bite on the Mayco Clinic for some information.

I was recently given an old style bamboo (split bamboo?) surf rod. It is the type with the over/under guide. In several areas, the varnish has chipped off. In addition, the silver paint has worn off the guides in most areas.

Can you tell me how I might refinish the rod and guides. Being that it is an antique, I want to be sure I do not damage it in any way.

As I realize you are probably up to your fins in work, please answer at your convenience when the tide is right. *John J. Brindisi, New York, New York.*

I'm probably the worst one to give advice about restoring an antique rod and reel since I have one awaiting refinishing in my basement. Although some experts will probably disagree, I'll tell you what I plan to do with mine. It might also be a good idea to bring it in to a few tackle stores for appraisals. It may turn out to be worth either more or less than you think. If it's worth more than expected, it might be worthwhile to give the rod to an expert; whereas if it's worth a lot less you may not want to bother. I plan to to take the guide off of my rod and dip them in a dilute solution of oxalic acid. Then I will spray them with lacquer so they will not corrode again. My split bamboo rod is really "split" so that I will have to do a little re-gluing. I'll use Elmer's Glue-All for that. Then I'm going to rewind it. I'll use the same style and colors that were on it. Before taking the guides off, I'll make notes of locations, winding pattern and colors. When the rod is back together, I'll varnish it with three coats. From there, the rod will go up on the wall as a decorative piece. There's an antique reel that goes with the rod, but refinishing that is another story. W. A. Muller

SURF SPOTS FOR BASS

I recently wrote to Mr. Matt Ahern to ask him a question, but because he is primarily a bottom fisherman, he recommended I write to you. This summer I will be getting a car and I am looking forward to trying surf fishing for striped bass on Long Island. The only problem is I don't know the Island too well, so I wouldn't know where to start.

I have most of the necessary equipment such as reels, plugs, bucktails, and I am building an 11½' surf rod. Could you possibly start me off by telling me some good areas I could try? Can you also give me directions on how to get to the beaches?

I have heard a lot of places mentioned in The Fisherman, but The Fisherman covers the whole Island and I am only looking for a few places due to the traveling involved. Because I live quite a distance from Long Island, I cannot fish there with any consistency. However, I do have my sights on nailing a bass or two, especially since I never caught one. Incidentally, I am very pleased with your articles in the "Fish Talk" column. They have always been very informative and helpful. Thank you for your time and good fishing. *Paul Lamberti, Staten Island, NY.*

I'm sure you realize that I'm primarily a surf fisherman and, therefore, I feel very secure and comfortable with the answer I'm about to give you. I know you won't like it too much, but there is no other answer. There are no set spots for bass. Rather, there are many locations that regularly produce bass. However, there are no guarantees. For example, there are plenty of bass in Long Island Sound, especially in the spring. These fish are usually school fish. There are also some bass in the open surf along the South Shore in the fall. Usually, these fish are few, but large and are taken with eels and bunker. There are also fish in the inlets, but when and how many varies a lot. Most surf fishermen keep their ears open and then go down to fish. If you're on the beach a lot, people will talk to you and you'll learn what's happening at the moment. In the end, it takes a lot of time and perspiration to find bass and then you'll just have to catch them. Dr. W. A. Muller.

SINKER MOLDS

I have looked in many tackle shops and also in the fishing departments in some stores for a sinker mold for bank sinkers in sizes 6, 8, 10, 12 or 8, 10, 12, 16 ounces with no luck. So I would like to know if you know of a place where I could get one of these two size molds? *Keith Flynn, Hampton Bays, NY*

Why not try Midland Tackle Co., Route 17, Sloatsburg, N.Y. You might also want to continue to look for the molds in tackle stores and other mail order catalogs. If you fail to find the molds, you can take a stab at making your own. Consult L.I.F Issue #19. W. A. Muller

TUBE MATERIALS

While reading Tackle Doctor, I came across a mention of different color tubes for whiting, ling and mackerel. I thought you might be interested in the many colors of tubes in various sizes that we carry at Tackle Crafters, including treble hooks, single hooks and other items for making rigs at home. *Boyd Pfieffer, TACKLE CRAFTERS.*

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SAVE THE TUNA!!

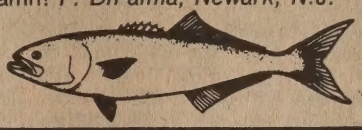
The news reporter had put the phrase in quotes. "I don't care what happens thirty years from now. I've got my living to make today!" He was quoting an East Coast fisherman complaining about proposed regulations concerning the offshore commercial fishery. He wanted no part of any regulation of the industry. Concerning the 200-Mile Conservation Act as it pertained to the foreign fleet—fine! But, as for himself—emphatically no!

This attitude, while certainly not unanimous, is widespread enough among our commercial fishing brethren to illustrate thought patterns that must be changed if we are to have an improved fishery—recreational, as well as commercial—or, indeed, if we are to have any fishing at all in the not-too-distant future. It is difficult to understand how a person can have such a limited perspective on the profession that provided his livelihood.

A case in point. An Associated Press dispatch a few months back told the story of the owner of a West Coast commercial trawler who became a "good guy" in Seattle. How? By donating to the City's poor, twenty tons—yes, twenty tons, of bottom fish that could not be sold because of a market glut. Thus, a large portion of a two week catch went for nothing. Not only that, but the City of Seattle had to come up with the sum of ten cents per pound for cleaning and processing the fish. This formidable amount of rockfish, therefore, had an actual value of minus ten cents per pound. Of course, it was a good deal for the eventual recipients. The part of the catch that could be sold went for twenty cents per pound. A spokesman for the Fisherman's Marketing Association of Washington provided the information that the price of the same fish a year earlier was $1.25 per pound. It is evident that there are commercial types willing to take increasing amounts of fish to the point where the law of diminishing returns guarantees little or no profit. Yet some fishermen will resist almost to the point of violence any suggestion that fisheries should be managed by Federal and/or state regulatory agencies.

If we have that kind of attitude among even a small minority of American fishermen, what consideration can we expect from the Japanese longliners who are decimating the giant tuna population in the Gulf of Mexico, and, in the process, killing great numbers of billfish.

Our own State Department is not anxious for Congress to push this matter. They are fearful over the possibility of hurting the feelings of an "ally." Our Congress should not hesitate. They should release and pass HR 60-10, and thereby place the bluefin tuna under the mantle of the 200-Mile Law. The current alleged protection offered by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna is, to coin a phrase, not worth a tinker's damn! *F. DiPalma, Newark, N.J.*



Contests & Tournaments

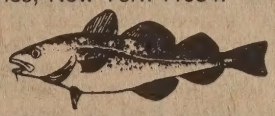
MORICHES ANGLERS

The Moriches Anglers, Inc. is sponsoring its 6 Annual Shark Tournament, June 14 (rain date, June 15), from 6AM to 5PM. The entry fee is $80 per boat.

Of the total entries collected, 25% will be taken by the Club for tournament expenses. Of the remaining 75%, prizes will be as follows: 50%—largest shark; 30%—second largest shark and 20%—third largest shark. There will also be a Special Award for the boat tagging and releasing the most sharks.

Boats will be returning to the Shoreline Marina, foot of Union Avenue, Center Moriches, N.Y.

For more information, contact: Chet Wilcox, B&B Tackle, Main Street, Center Moriches, New York 11934, (516) 878-9640, or Wally Rodriguez, P. O. Box 193, Center Moriches, New York 11934.



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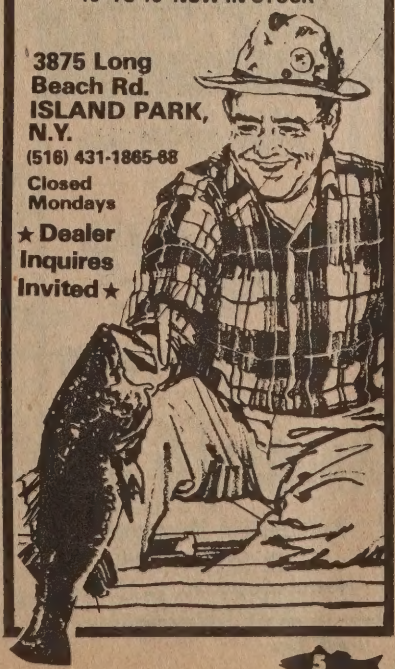

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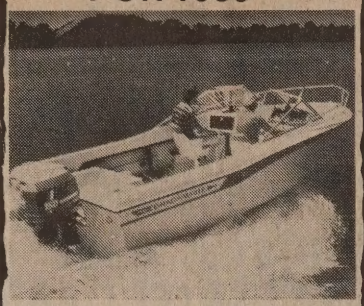

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National Pickle Week must be nice—if you are in the pickle business. But National Fishing Week should warm the hearts of all of us. The date has been set for May 12-18 and this special week provides an opportunity for many of us to enjoy the outdoors and to help teach others the same enjoyment.

For those persons who would like to take up fishing and need a helping hand, and for those who are experienced fishermen and want tips on technique, there will be much to gain from National Fishing Week. Those groups and organizations participating will include family campgrounds; local conservation clubs; fishing, hunting and game clubs; and local retailers. Help will be offered in many forms and will include casting demonstrations, various fishing techniques, and all the information you will need to go fishing, with everything explained in a nice, simple easy to understand format. In many locations you will be taken right to the edge of the water so you can begin your fishing experience at once.

The Heddon Fishing Tackle Company, Dowagiac, Michigan, makers of the famous Hedd-Hunter and other fine lures, will be participating heavily in National Fishing Week as they see the week as an opportunity for family fun and enjoyment—a together activity for the nation's families. It is an opportunity for the family to spend time away from that daily hustle and bustle, an opportunity to relax body and soul in the wonderfully rejuvenating outdoors.

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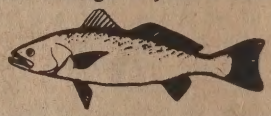
Merrick Tackle, 2655 Merrick Road, Bellmore, is offering a free Knife Sharpening Clinic on Sunday, May 18, from 10AM to 2PM. The demonstrations, to be conducted by George Hoffman, will include how to hone razor sharp edges, plus how to select and properly use sharpening stones, in addition to the correct care and storage of your knives.



CLUB NEWS

ATLANTIS ANGLERS

The Long Island Interclub championships tournament Part I for Flounder and sponsored by the Atlantis Anglers was held on April 26 and 27, 1980.

There were seven clubs that participated. The Atlantis Anglers believe that their tournament is the most reasonable on the Island. The total cost per club is $40.

In order to make this tournament equal among clubs, the Atlantis Anglers only permit forty members from any **one** club to fish each tournament. This rule evens the chances of some of the smaller clubs to the larger clubs.

Weakfish and fluke will be the next two parts of the tournament. A club may fish any one or all of the tournaments for different species.

The club winning the tournament will win a leg on a huge trophy. Three legs on the trophy and it will be theirs permanently. The individual prizes (depending on the amount of entries) have been rods, reels and equipment relating to the species of that tournament.

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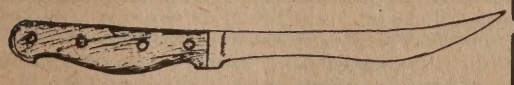

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TACKLE DOCTOR

Questions answered by
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In Vol. 8, #12, March 20-26, 1980, pg. 8, you state: "No, it is not possible... It pays to buy fresh, current supplies of line to avoid the problems you have encountered."

I issue a challenge, not so much to you, the editors, but to line producers DuPont, Ande, Berkley, etc. Put a date of manufacture or an expiration date on the spool or packet. I have searched in vain to find code dates or lot numbers.

For economic reasons some must shop at discount or mass merchandiser locations. How much of the "buyer beware" or "tough luck buddy" should consumers be expected to shoulder.

The fault for offering "over-aged" line for sale rests with two parties. The producer does not code date. The retailer, excluding most tackle shops, over-buys causing excessive and dormant inventories.

You recently talked about four ways to mark wire line. The people at Newark Sinker told me about a fifth method which I feel is superior to your four.

At the selected intervals, wrap vinyl coated single strand copper conductor wire, bell wire or telephone wire. Wrap an inch or so of the wire line on monofilament after painting on a coating of Pliobond, usually a piece of four to five inches does the job. The phone wire is nice because the color coding is widely varied. *Reid Smith*

We agree that line manufacturers should label their product with dates or lot numbers to determine if spools of line are excessively aged. However, it would not solve all the problems with line storage.

It is possible that a spool of mono line stored in a dark container, out of sunlight and not exposed to extremes of heat and cold could be in perfect condition even after two or more years; while another spool only a few weeks old that had been exposed to direct sunlight while lying on a dealer's shelf could be in poor condition. The older line would be better than the new line.

None of the major line companies have a "buyer beware" attitude and usually will cheerfully replace any line that a customer feels is "bad" for any reason. However, it should be obvious to anyone that it does pay to shop with some common sense. Old spools of line purchased at a firehouse flea market are not bargain at all.

The telephone wire marking system for wire line is a good method, but wasn't mentioned because the color coded wire isn't readily available unless you know someone who works for the phone company. The other four methods outlined in the article required no specialized materials other than items easily purchased in any tackle shop.

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The Fisherman says that the spline of a rod blank is the backbone or stiff spot on the blank, but John Emery's book on rod building says that it is the direction the blank tends to bend, implying a soft spot. Which is it? *John Wong.*

Most fishing rods are made from sheets of Fiberglas or graphite cloth tightly wrapped around a steel mandrel, or shaft. At some point, the sheet of Fiberglas has to end on the wrap, causing one side of the rod to have an extra wrap of cloth, while the opposite side has one less wrap. Theoretically the side with the extra wrap is slightly stronger, although under actual fishing conditions, it is doubtful that the "weaker" side would ever break. The spline is an imaginary line through the blank, one side being stiffer, the other softer.

When building a rod, it is important to find the spline of the rod to maximize the casting ability, the recovery ability from a bend and to apply the most fishing pressure to a fish. To do this you want to pull against the stiffer side of the blank. When building a spinning rod the guides are positioned below the stiff side, while a conventional rod has the guides placed on top of the stiff side.

Since Fiberglas has the ability to take a "set" after being held in one position for a long time, such as when leaned against a wall, the spline will not always show up correctly by simply sighting down the blank. That is why John Emery and every other rod builder suggests turning the blank by hand with a bend in it to find the exact spline. Usually the blank will bend with the spline, but not always.

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Sometime ago, I purchased a Lamiglas Blank SW 84 5E. This blank was listed as one-piece and I proceeded to dress it in the three-foot Fuji guide type and tip, along with the AK3 rod handle. The total number of guides were six plus the tiptop.

The one disappointment encountered was the fact that this rod could not be placed in the trunk of a car for transportation; rather it had to be put in the front of the car with the passengers.

After checking out several catalogs on this particular blank, and noting that each stated one-piece, I wonddered if I could cut this blank for convenience. I proceeded to do so at the 24/64ths point. After cutting, I installed two pieces of dowl sticks inside the cut blanks and then mounted the gold rubber type ferrule. The rod feels strong with pretty good action, but one or two questions enter my mind.

Have I weakened this rod by cutting it; also would it perform the way it should. I haven't tried it yet, but I am considering a trip with this rod for the spring weaks. What do you think? *Joseph Mankevich*

Some rod crafters delight in the "theory" of rod building that all rods should be one-piece. For optimum action and fishing ability this is probably true, but in practical fishing a two-piece rod will still perform very well. Ferrules do add a flat spot to the rod which can stiffen an already stiff rod making it difficult to fish with or it can stiffen up a soft rod making it a better rod for most fishing. Again, in theory, the ferrules add a weak spot to the rod, but under normal use you should expect it to last for many years with no difficulty.

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At one of the boat shows I picked up a catalog on an item for storing fishing rods made by Storway Products, but I don't have an address to write to them for local dealers who carry the item. Can you help with an address? *S. Mitchell*

I believe you are referring to a product manufactured by Sto-A-Way located at 1969 Airport Rd., Traverse City, Michigan 49684.

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While fishing in California in-between company business, I made a charter trip aboard a boat called a Puma, which the captain said was made in Florida. I like the boat; it was a 32' or 34', and think it would be a fine hull for running to the Canyon. Can you steer me to the manufacturer's address? *B. Flaglers.*

The company is Delta Boat Works, Scallop Dr., Cape Canaveral, Fla. The local dealer for the Puma models is Clark's Landing on Arnold Ave., Pt. Pleasant, N.J. 201-889-5559.

OUTBOARD DOCTOR

Questions answered by

Doc Merc Omchrysler

Readers should address questions to: Outboard Doctor Box 126, W. Sayville, N.Y. 11796

I've got three, six-gallon tanks full of gas from last year. That's like money in the bank, but there is a problem. I had filled up on the way home from what turned out to be my last fishing trip, and I only had two cans of oil with me. One tank didn't have any oil added. At the time, I intended to dump it in when I got home, now I have a feeling I forgot. For the past week I've been playing guessing games trying to figure which tank doesn't have the oil, and I can't tell by looking at the fuel. Any ideas. I have a '65 Merc. *Call me forgetful.*

Short of having the fuel analyzed, which would at least equal the cost of what you have there, you have several options. If you car takes the same type of gasoline, you could use it up in your car. The most that will happen is a little smoking; the amount of oil involved will do no harm. You could also use it in your lawn mower or any other gas engine that takes a straight gasoline fuel. Again the result will be a little extra smoke. Your other option is to put in an additional can of oil in each tank. Those that end up with the double mixture will cause no trouble. Better double than none! Your stern-ward view will be a bit hazy until you use it up—that's all. The ignition systems and spark plugs on the modern engines are more than capable of handling the additional oil. Just make sure you get a thorough mixture.

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With the prices of everything going up, I would like to do as much of my own work as possible on my '75 50 h.p. Johnson. I had it overhauled last spring and it was running very well when I put it up for the winter. I used to have the dealer winterize it every year, but this year I took it off the boat and cleaned it up real good and stored it down my cellar. What should I do to get it ready for the season. *Lance DiPalma*

Lance, we don't know what you mean by "overhauled," but let's assume you had a complete tune-up and go from there. If you are an average boat user, probably the work done last year should carry you through another season, but here is what we suggest:

1. If the engine is an electric start model and the battery has been taken care of properly, put up for the winter with a full charge and maintained—if in a warm place, with a trickle charge—we would make certain that it is fully charged now. If you are the typical guy, that is probably enough. But if you are the careful type and would like to know what kind of guts your battery now has, you will want to take it to a dealer and have it load checked. In a load check, a fully charged battery should be capable of being discharged at a rate three times its amp hour rating for twenty seconds and still have a ten volt reading on a voltmeter. If you have this done, we suggest you put it on a trickle charger (2-4 amp) and bring it back up again before you go out. Buy a battery tester (hydrometer) if you do not already own one; they cost about $2.00

2. Check all electrical connections. They should be clean and tight. Look for signs of oxidation; looks like green mold. If there are such signs, determine if you are able to disconnect fittings in these areas so as to scrape clean. Do this before connecting the battery. While you are thinking electric, check the hull, those fittings are important also. If you have running lights, remove the bulbs and clean the contact on the bulb base and in the fixture.

3. Grease all engine fittings and lubricate all linkages. Check that everything that moves does so smoothly. Some folks who detest rust coat the entire powerhead, pan and lower unit with a light oil spray, repeating the process after each trip.

4. Check cables, steering and control, for cracks and frays. Lubricate the ends and make certain they are operating smoothly.

5. Spark plugs: If you were fortunate enough to have felt that you got your money's worth out of owning a boat the past season—that is, you put a goodly number of hours on the water, buy new spark plugs. The old ones don't owe you anything and you can use them for spares.

6. Remove propeller and lubricate the shaft splines. We assume it is not nicked and bent, etc., as you would have mentioned it.

7. Check the oil level in your gear case. Get a tube of the factory recommended fluid and don't skimp. NOTE: The gear case should be checked in the fall before the engine is stored for the off season. As your engine is five-years-old, we suggest you might want to go to your dealer and have the gear case pressure checked. This will give you information on the present condition of the oil seals.

8. When you get to the water, make certain that your water pump is working. If there is sluggishness in getting signs of pumping, you had better replace the thermostat. These are sometimes the weakest link in the cooling system when saltwater is involved.

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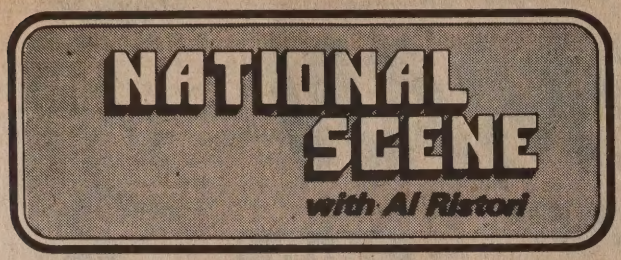


MOVE TO TRANSFER NMFS NEEDS HELP!

A couple of months ago I reported in this column that there was a good possibility of an Executive Order transferring the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) from the Commerce Department to Interior. Apparently, Commerce has been able to hold off the expected transfer—but Interior has made no secret of its desire to bring all fisheries together under its wing. This is no simple technical reorganization, but rather one that could have a profound effect on the quality of saltwater fishing. Sport fishing interests have been largely ignored in Commerce and there is little hope for change in that situation. On the other hand, Interior has long been oriented toward recreation and anglers could expect much fairer treatment here.

The internal conflict about this possible move surfaced on February 14, when Robert L. Herbst, Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, stated that "All coastal and marine biological activities should be under the agency that conducts or manages those activities on shore—the Fish and Wildlife Service. According to the Sportfishing Institute Bulletin, Herbst characterized the ten-year-old separation of marine fisheries functions from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) in Interior as 'artificial and ecologically absurd'. Herbst further stated that the circumstance that finds NMFS in Commerce 'fails to recognize and manage ecosystems as entities. This causes overlaps, confusion, inefficiency, delays and mismanagement of resources'.

Considering the current budget squeeze, perhaps the most telling of Herbst's arguments involves efficiency. He noted that "Many of the pitfalls inherent in the proposed NOAA Organic Act would not only be avoided, but would be rectified by transferring NMFS to the Department of the Interior. Such a consolidation could result in significant savings in funds and personnel by consolidating program administration within a single agency. For instance, in FY 1979 for the areas of habitat protection, anadromous fish, aquaculture, Great Lakes research, and Outer Continental Shelf activities, NMFS had a budget of approximately $120.7 million and 1,857 permanent full-time employees, and Fish and Wildlife Service, $61.3 million and 1,333 permanent full-time employees. Much of this capability represents a duplication of effort which could be eliminated under the Interior Department's proposal. We estimate savings of $5 to $10 million and 200 to 300 personnel. The resultant savings could then be used to expand efforts in areas for which current programs are not adequate, such as marine sport fisheries and aquaculture."

Herbst brought out another telling argument that fits in perfectly with the general public disenchantment with the bureaucracy. He stated that Department's proposal would benefit not only the resource, but also the public at large. State and private resource organizations are constantly frustrated by the need to deal with multiple agencies at the Federal level on questions involving endangered species, permit issuance, or Federal grant-in-aid programs. A complicating factor is that often FWS or NMFS sends out conflicting signals to these groups concerning their respective interpretations of Federal policy on natural resource issues. Worse still, many times the two agencies can't even decide who has what responsibility. It is this type of arrangement that fuels the general public distrust of and frustration with the bureaucracy. By concentrating responsibility for resource management within a single agency, the (Interior Department) proposal would facilitate Federal interaction with state and other groups, thereby providing better service to the public."

While all of the foregoing sounds very logical, it isn't likely to happen unless the public puts considerable pressure on the President to make the transfer by means of Executive Order. Your letter to the President requesting transfer of NMFS to Interior can help make the difference. A copy to Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus wouldn't hurt either!

The present head of NMFS, Terry Leitzell, has made his anti-sport fishing stance quite clear during the past couple of years. He layed it right on the line at a January 7 meeting in Washington with twenty-three marine recreation fisheries representatives. According to Dick Stroud, Executive Vice-President of the Sportfishing Institute, the meeting was productive only in the sense that "it provided clear confirmation, almost in so many words by Director Leitzell, of the group's long-held deepest suspicion. It is that marine recreational fisheries interests and activities are being accorded the lowest possible priority within NMFS and that there is no sincere desire on the part of the NOAA/NMFS administration to improve matters. Indeed, the group was told that the only way to get anything done would be to generate intolerable political pressure to do so. Obviously, NOAA Administrator Richard Frank, Deputy Administrator James Walsh, and Assistant Administrator for Fisheries (NMFS Chief) Terry Leitzell have reached a carefully considered conclusion that the marine recreational interests cannot organize effectively enough to generate that pressure. That being the case, they rather obviously have concluded, regardless of the Fishery Conservation and Management Act mandate otherwise, that they can safely ignore any need to enhance marine recreational fishery program activities. Thus they can avoid the trauma of troublesome conflicts with the well-organized commercial fisheries interests who largely call the tune and who would doubtless raise strenuous objections."

Stroud, in summing up his case against the present leadership of NMFS, noted that "Never before, in my experience with six Administrations of both major parties, has a Federal agency revealed itself to be so completely politicized that it is totally unresponsive to well-documented logical argument. Frank Carlton, President of the National Coalition for Marine Conservation, came up with similar feelings about the January meeting in a recent Coalition newsletter. Carlton felt that Leitzell was telling the group, in no uncertain terms, that without more political muscle there is no point in arguing about what is right and fair. In order to succeed we're just going to have to play politics down in the gutter. It's time to forget about logical explanations and equitable distributions—and time to "break heads!" You can do your part by writing to the President now—and by taking appropriate action at the ballot box in the fall if the present sad situation doesn't change!

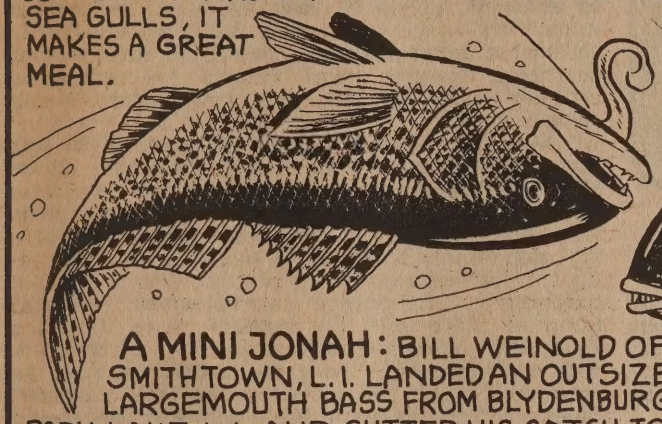
Vance's Resignation No Loss to Fisheries

The recent resignation of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance will hardly cause any consternation among fishermen. The State Department, under his leadership, showed little regard for the 200-Mile Limit law and failed to apply any muscle when it was called for. Even after his own fisheries people had promised to use the huge quotas assigned to the Japanese in order to get them out of the giant tuna fishery in the Gulf of Mexico, Vance backed down and let the Japanese have everything they wanted. In fisheries he "bargained" as if we had nothing to offer and the other side held all the cards. It was hardly surprising that he was opposed to the rescue attempt. Will Senator Muskie be an improvement? Well, at least he supported the 200-Mile Limit—even if he wasn't in the forefront of the battle. He also is noted for his forceful positions, and from my experienced with the State Department, I'd venture to say that an infusion of backbone couldn't hurt!

FRED'S FISH FACTS

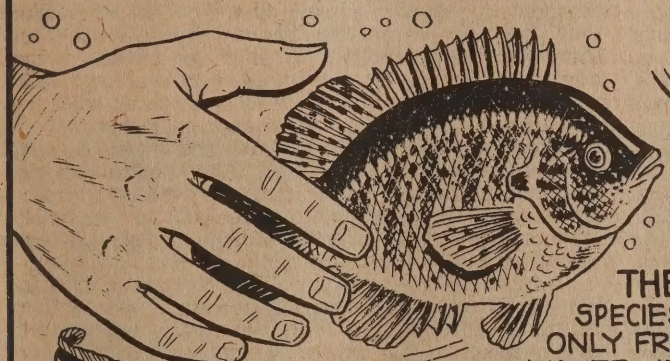
BY FRED GUARDINEER

WEAKFISH, UNLIKE MOST FISH, CONTINUE TO FEED WHEN SPAWNING AND HIT ANYTHING THAT MOVES IN THE WATER. TEMPERATURE IS IMPORTANT: WEAKS FEED AND SPAWN IN WATER OF 55°-65° F. - AND DON'T GIVE THE ROE TO THE SEA GULLS, IT MAKES A GREAT MEAL.



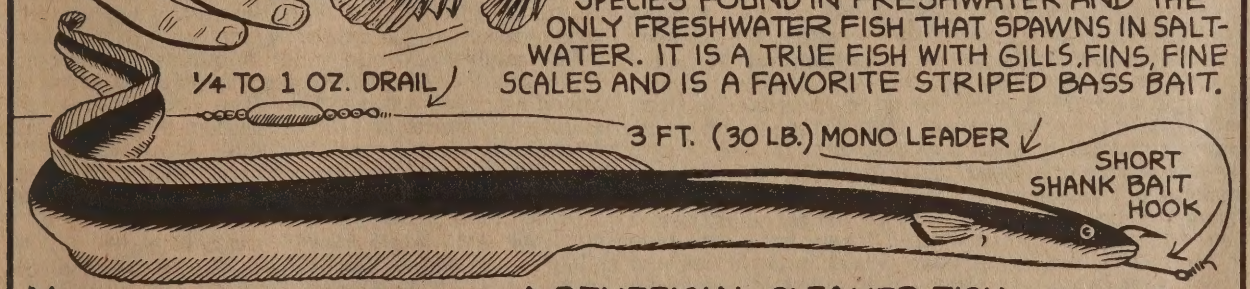
THE SHEEPSHEAD PORGY, NOW A RARITY, WAS ONCE A FAVORITE FISH IN EASTERN MARKETS - AND SO PLENTIFUL IT GAVE ITS NAME TO SHEEPSHEAD BAY IN N.Y. CITY. OVERFISHING DID HIM IN - IT WAS KNOWN AS AN EXPERT BAIT STEALER, HARD FIGHTER AND GOOD FOOD.

A MINI JONAH: BILL WEINOLD OF SMITHTOWN, L.I. LANDED AN OUTSIZE LARGEMOUTH BASS FROM BLYDENBURG PARK LAKE, L.I. AND GUTTED HIS CATCH TO PRESERVE IT. OUT POPPED A LIVE SUNFISH WHICH BILL RETURNED TO THE WATER WHERE IT SWAM SWIFTLY AWAY NONE THE WORSE FOR WEAR AFTER AT LEAST 10 MINUTES IN THE BELLY OF THE BIG BASS.



THE CAT FISH HAS MORE THAN 100,000 TASTE BUDS SCATTERED OVER ITS BODY. THE MAJORITY, HOWEVER, ARE IN ITS WHISKERS, THUS IT CAN TASTE FOOD BEFORE MOUTHING IT.

THE AMERICAN EEL IS THE ONLY EEL SPECIES FOUND IN FRESHWATER AND THE ONLY FRESHWATER FISH THAT SPAWNS IN SALTWATER. IT IS A TRUE FISH WITH GILLS, FINS, FINE SCALES AND IS A FAVORITE STRIPED BASS BAIT.



A BENEFICIAL CLEANER FISH NIBBLES PARASITES FROM A FLORIDA MANGROVE SNAPPER'S GILL COVER WHILE AN EXACT LOOK-ALIKE, *THE SABRE TOOTH BLENNY*, CHEWS ON ITS TAIL. THE SNAPPER ACCEPTS BOTH FISH, APPARENTLY OBLIVIOUS TO WHICH FISH IS EATING WHAT!

FISH TALK
with William A. Muller

POT POURRI

CATCH UP TIME! Once again, thanks to so many of you who have written in. I know that you were all looking forward to winning a Shakespeare rod, but obviously with only one winner a month, not everybody can win. However, we want you to know that all of your letters are appreciated—not only by us at The Fisherman, but also by other readers. Many readers have written in to either comment on letters or to ask new questions that came to mind because of letters reprinted here from other readers. Once again, in order to catch up with the mail I'll try to squeeze a number of letters into this column and therefore, we'll not be able to reprint entire letters.

JOE EYLS WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT PARTY BOATS. Joe is a new fisherman and he wants to know what happens on a party boat. Joe, party boats are a great way to fish, especially for someone one who's just starting out and doesn't know where the "hotspots" are or what is fooling the fish at the moment. We think that you'll find most charter boat captains and their mates to be very helpful because over the years they build up a trade and they know that being responsive and considerate of their fares is a sure way to succeed. You can bring your own rod and reel or you can rent them. Many boats sell lures, rigs, and other tackle items. Bait is usually included in the fare, but sometimes a fisherman may prefer his or her own. The best thing to do is to look up an ad in The Fisherman and call the number listed. Ask the skipper all your questions at that time and then there will be no misunderstanding. He'll also give you directions to get to the dock and information about what fish are running and how they have been hitting. Best of luck and we know that you'll find your party boat experience an enjoyable one.

FRANK STROLLO—HEY, WHAT'S THAT FUNNY THING! Frank was puzzled by a creature he has seen swimming near the surface of Long Island Sound in the early summer. He says the front half looks like a sand worm and the back looks like a bloodworm. The thing moves like a Mister Twister lure. Frank, you're right when you refer to it as a cinder worm: at least that's what I believe it is, based upon your description. These critters are actually a nereid worm. It is the adult spawning form and they die after releasing eggs and sperm. They usually swarm near the surface in late June or early July depending upon water temperatures and they can provide tremendous fish action although the fishing may be terrible. Now, that's a crazy thing to say. How can the fish action be great and the **fishing** action be terrible. Well, it's like this. These invertebrates swarm by the millions and they attract game fish such as bass, blues, and weaks. However, because the cinder worms are so small, the predators swim through the bait sucking them in but without paying too much attention to individual baits. Therefore, even if you present a small bait and the bait wiggles like the cinder worm, your offering is lost in a sea of plenty and it is hard to fool the fish. I once caught **A** weakfish on a tiny Mister Twister while they were feeding on the cinder worms, but that was my only success.

THANKS TO ADOLPH SCHIELK of Brooklyn. Adolph was kind enough to write in in response to letters from several other readers about crab bites. There was an article last fall and another early this year as a follow-up. Adolph offered many suggestions for treating crab bites and other maladies typical of the marine adventurer. Sorry, Adolph isn't an M.D. and neither am I, so I wouldn't want to pass on the details of his suggestions. When you are bitten or injured use common sense and contact your family physician or go to a hospital emergency room. However, I would like to pass on the general theme of Adolph's letter. He suggests that we don't disregard the wound. If it is simple and superficial, wash it and look after it. Perhaps an antiseptic should be used. However, more severe wounds should be looked after by a professional and should not be forgotten. He passed on several stories describing forgotten minor wounds that became big problems because they were overlooked. Thanks, Adolph.

MICHAEL FUCHS ABOUT BLUEFISHING. Mike described his experiences fishing for blues off the Patchogue Banks and his attempts to avoid the heavy loss of jigs and terminal tackle by using a heavy braided wire leader. He tells of how, when the boat made its first stop he took blues just as well as anyone else, but that the fish stopped hitting his lure after awhile, but continued to strike those of other fishermen. Well, Mike hung in there with his leader—being the tough fisherman that he is—just to prove one way or another what was happening. Finally, he removed the leader and again took blues. He wants to know what happened? Blues are funny beasts to begin with and why they do what they do is something that baffles me. That's why, Mike, I have a lot of respect for the choppers. They can stop hitting because they suddenly stop feeding; but in the case that you described, it appears that your leader was at fault. When you first arrived the blues may have been on a feeding spree. When that happens, any predator will hit almost anything and will not be bothered by leaders or heavy line. This occurs because the fish are swimming around rapidly and get themselves so worked up that they don't really look at what they are eating. If things simmer down later, however, the fish may begin to look closely at what they would like to eat and then your leader tips them off that there is something wrong with the bait. However, there is a bright side. Usually you'll only need the heavy leader when the fish are on a spree. Sure, you'll lose a lure here and there, but losses will be kept to a mininum. Start with a leader, but if the fish are picky, take if off and sacrifice a few jigs.

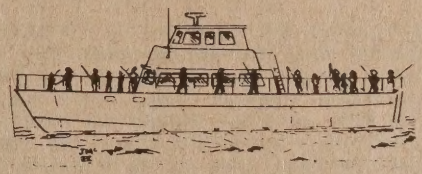
MANUEL BATISTA WITH TWO QUESTIONS. Manny writes in with a question about an ad he found promoting the value of Gypsy Fish Oil. He wants to know what it is. Unfortunately, the ad you sent along doesn't say much except to point out how much a bottle of the stuff costs and where to send your money. Therefore, it's hard for me to be sure. However, it sounds very much like another product that is supposed to put a scent on your lure or bait and drive the fish crazy. Look, I don't want to discredit these products, but based upon my personal experiences I can't guarantee you that using a fish scent will cause the fish to jump into your boat. First, as with any kind of fishing, you have to fish where the fish are and you have to fish when they are feeding. Also, you must present your bait in such a way that it is attractive. It seems to me that it is much more important for a fisherman to learn the basics of techniques and location, inside and out, rather than look for a magic potion. Putting your time in is still the best way to learn and catch fish. However, most of these fish scents have been developed for freshwater where they apparently work quite well. It isn't fair to expect a freshwater scent to work on saltwater species. I also believe that the entire technique is in its infancy and, therefore, I prefer to withhold judgement until after the boys have had some time to perfect it. Actually, deep down I believe that it is one of several great techniques for the future. Manny's other question involved the saltwater license. Manny is concerned that a license would take the steam out of L.I.F.'s push for better saltwater fishing and fishing conditions. Manny, rest assured that will never happen. In fact, it will go

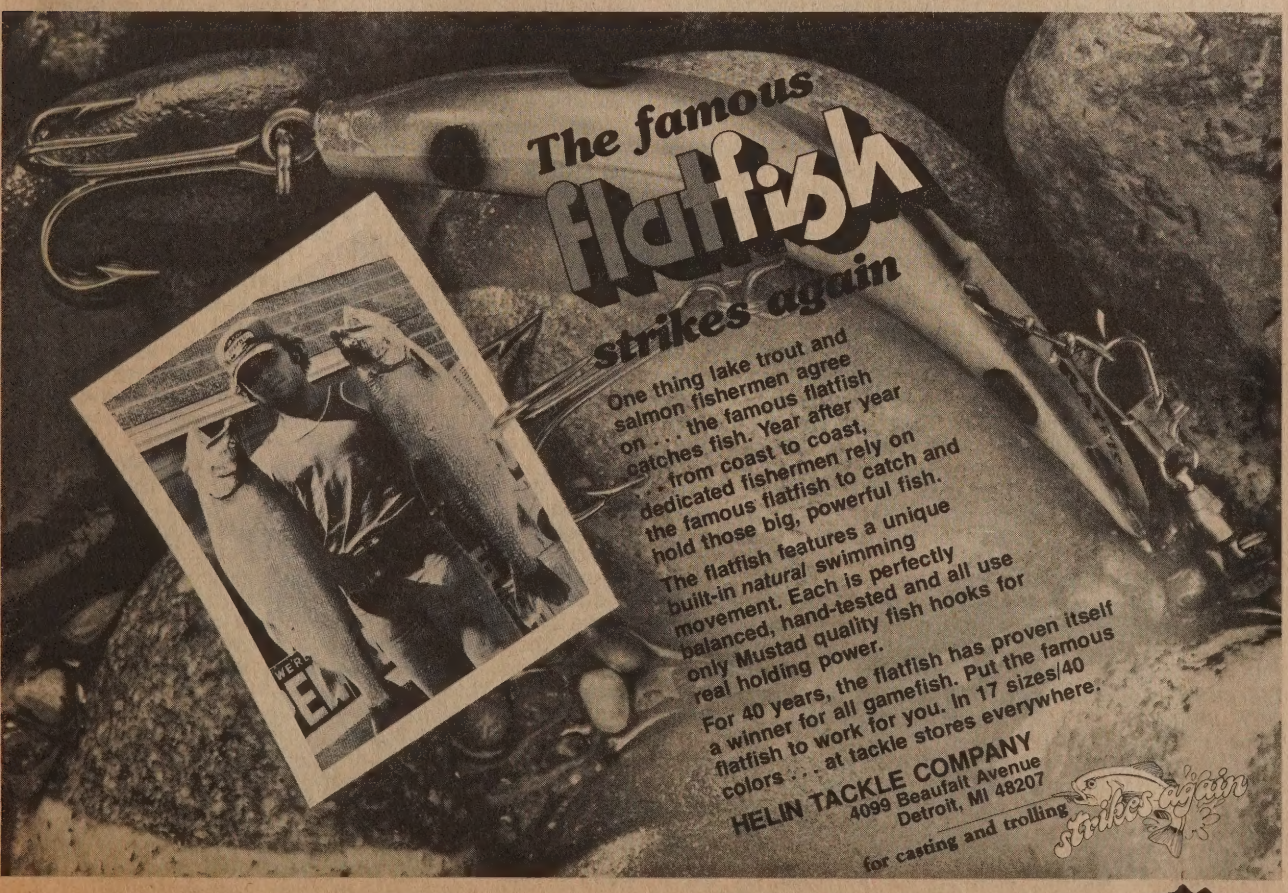
the other way. That is, if saltwater fishermen pay for a license, the gross dollar value of the licenses will give us a better platform from which to get the attention of politicians. Manny, we know there are lots of problems that need solving and we intend to hit them head-on and one by one. I know that respect for us as saltwater fishermen is growing in many quarters everyday.

KEVIN COOPER ABOUT EAST RIVER BASS! Kevin assures us that, yes there are bass in the East River and yes, they are edible (refer to Issue #9, 1980 for further details on an original letter from C. Calhoun). Kevin also assures us that he isn't a kid, but also isn't over the hill. That doesn't tell us just how old you are, though, Kevin? Kevin warns not to eat the fish too often, although we can't back this stand up. East River fish are probably from the Hudson River and, therefore, rich in PCBs (toxic chemical). Officials suggest that all Hudson River fish be eaten only occasionally, not because they are in the East River, but because they have been in the Hudson and their flesh may be higher in PCBs than is safe. Maybe that's what you meant Kevin? You are absolutely right about the crabs. **DO NOT** eat blueclaw crabs from the East River or from any polluted body of water. Although finfish taken from polluted waters can be eaten (the concept presumes the contamination is from sewage and not from toxic chemicals) shellfish taken in polluted waters should never be consumed or sold since they carry hepatitis and other sewage related problems in their bodies. Thanks Kevin.

CHRIS MAILMAN WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT TAPEWORMS. A recent reference to digging your own worms got Chris' noggin' working. He points out that he comes across quite a few tapeworms, or ribbon worms, when he digs for sand and blood worms. He wants to know whether or not they are good for bait. Those worms are great baits. There are some flounder fishermen who swear by them as the best for flounder. I wouldn't go that far since there are those who insist that piggy-back snails are the best; those who say it's sand worms, mussels, etc., etc. However, the ribbon worms do catch flounders and at times when other baits fail. They are hard to keep alive though and that's often why they are overlooked for bait. Bass fishermen say that whether you troll them or cast them on bottom rigs, they catch plenty of bass and there have been times when ribbon worms catch bass when other baits fail. Why not use them and report to us what happens? In essence, be a field tester and then report to all of our faithful readers about the results.

CHESTER STRASSER OF BROOKVILLE ASKS ABOUT BUNKER ON A FLY!? Chester indicates that he and a buddy find the blues feeding on bunker schools in Manhasset Bay to be lots of fun. However, after they catch a few monster choppers, they use barb-less hooks so the blues can be released. They were wondering if they might also find some action with the bunker. They thought that a bunker on a fly rod might provide some hot action and fine sport. However Chester, a bunker is a plankton feeder. They strain microscopic life out of the sea water. They do not feed by selecting their prey visually. Rather they swim and strain, swim and strain without regard to specifics. Therefore, I can't imagine that you'll be able to get one to take a fly. However, one never knows until one tries. Let us know how you do! Incidentally, we applaud your sportsmans-like attitude. The barb-less hooks are a great idea. Release your catch and catch them tomorrow—they'll be bigger!

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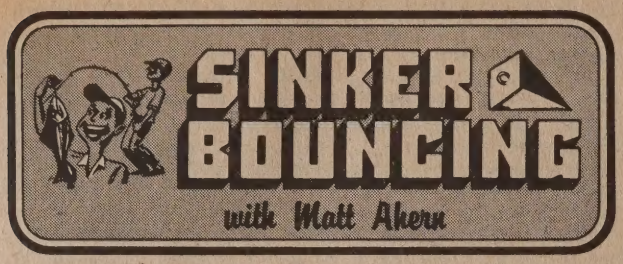
How fishermen regard porgy fishing depends, I think, upon individual temperament. I personally know several sinker bouncers who don't care for porgy fishing, claiming it too hectic for their tastes. But this shouldn't be too surprising, for I know fellows who dislike bluefishing for the same reason. But as for myself, I certainly enjoy porgy fishing—always have.



SEA PORGY FISHING

Just breathe the word "porgy" and watch me come to life. And I know there are multitudes of anglers who feel as I do. Certainly, for all-around action and the golden opportunity to fill that bucket, porgies offer dedicated sinker bouncers much summertime sport. Few of us can resist, for when the basics are known, it isn't difficult to lift porgy after porgy over the rail, seemingly without end.

Let me digress a minute, lest I lead you astray.

Regardless of what you may have been told, porgies are not quite so plentiful as they were during the great hey-days of superb fishing. Sure, there are many porgy-fishing trips of today similar to the ones we old-timers enjoyed, for this fishing has certainly improved since the late Sixties and early Seventies when porgy chasing around Long Island was indeed a lost cause. Yet, with all this current up-surge in good porgy action, it is still a far cry from those wild, delightful days of plenty. And I'm not saying this to soften any blow to my cherished memories.

Right now you are probably saying: "What's with this guy? First I get a pep talk about how good porgy fishing is, now he tells me the fishing isn't really all that good!"

Exactly. You're right on both counts. What used to take two or three hours to accomplish on the porgy grounds of yesterday, now takes the better part of the fishing day—except for those occasional extra-good days as noted. But to put the frosting on the cake, I will say this: the average sea porgy caught these past few summers has been larger than those we caught in the long ago. To tell you the truth, except for several overnight trips to Atlantic City made out of Sheepshead Bay in the early Thirties, I've caught larger porgies these past few years than I did then as a kid.

In fact, during early fall last year while offshore blackfishing aboard the Capt. Clark II, huge sea porgies took over during one part of the day and I was amazed at the size of the fish. It was the closest thing to long-ago porgy fishing that I can recall in recent times. And Captain Clark told me that those fish were nothing—I had missed out on even bigger porgies by two weeks!

You figure it out. I can't.

Because porgies are not as plentiful, you'll find they aren't as suicide-prone as they once were, which means that it now takes a higher degree of concentration to score. Oh, sure, you'll get bites, plenty of bites, but there is more to today's porgy fishing than just waiting for that bite, lifting the rod, and reeling in double-headers as we once did.

I believe the reason for this is simple enough to understand. With fewer porgies on tap for the now more than ample food supply, competition is not so keen as it once was. In other words, porgies can now afford to be choosey. From the porgies' viewpoint, long gone is the necessity of quickly latching on to food at every opportunity or go without. They find it no longer necessary to throw caution to the wind in order to keep their bellies filled. To put it another way: their approach to the baited hook has been finely honed and the degree of natural suspicion, inherent in all Nature's sea creatures, has once again taken over.

This fact is quite apparent today on many porgy fishing trips. Going back to that day aboard the Capt. Clark II as an example, I found this to be so. While it wasn't difficult to catch all the blackfish we wanted, those fellows (myself included) who decided to give the blacks a rest and concentrate on those big porgies, found we had our work cut out for us.

The first thing I did was change over my rigging by dispensing with the bottom hook and taking one of the #5 Virginia hooks used for blackfish and tying it in about eighteen inches above the sinker. I then rummaged through the bait pail for a slice of skimmer, being careful to select a piece to which some of the soft stomach still remained, and then threaded the hook through it several times, making sure the barb and point were exposed. A deadly porgy bait and presentation if ever there was one.

Within seconds of reaching bottom and taking up the slack to attain that delicate feel needed for successful porgy fishing, I got the expected bite. I lifted at what I thought was the precise instant to set the hook, primed to feel the weight of a struggling porgy. Nothing. I didn't even turn the fish over, I was that far off in my timing.

Re-bait. Down again. I'll nail you this time, I vowed. Another bite; same result. No fish, and again no bait. Pretty foxy, I thought. Must be an "old grandaddy" down there. And sad to say, that old-timer was making a chump out of me.

This one-sided game went on for a few more minutes and I finally managed to nail one good-sized porgy which must have been out of breath or something. While removing that fish from the hook, I suddenly recalled a similar experience some years before on the McAllister Grounds off Long Beach at about the time porgy catches first began to diminish. It was my buddy Artie Leidecker who put me wise. "Use skimmer strings," he told me, "and don't wait for a bite. Watch the rod tip and the instant it dips—even a little bit—sock it to 'em."

So, once again back to the bait pail where I salvaged a half dozen or so "strings" and cut them into two inch strips. Now we'd see. This time I didn't wait to feel a bite, but the instant the rod tip dipped, I came back on the fish and set the hook into what turned out to be a good two pound porgy. From then on, I missed few porgies.

And that's what I mean about the change in today's porgy fishing. No longer can a fisherman go out there and expect easy results without some well-thought-out effort on his part. And as an aside, I might as well add that this applies to much of today's bottom fishing, be the target porgies, fluke, flounder, or what-have-you.

But enough of this preaching; let's get down to the basics of porgy fishing.

Tackle requirements for sea porgy fishing are simple. You should use a rod that will quickly take up any belly in the line. None of this whippy stuff, for split-second timing is necessary to get that hook home. Therefore, this requirement means you should forget spinning tackle—especially if you are party boat fishing.

My porgy fishing rod is a conventional seven footer of medium weight and I always use a Penn 155 filled with twenty pound test mono. There's nothing elaborate about this tackle—but it does the job. Keep it simple and catch fish.

When fishing open bottom (mussel beds, etc.), you can tandem-tie two hooks and place them about two inches above a suitable bank sinker. An additional hook can then be tied in about eighteen inches higher. You'll find your larger porgies will dote on this hook, and if there are sea bass about, they are sure to fall victim to this one. There's no trouble-making one inch dropper loops in your main line at the prescribed distances if you

form them by using double-overhand knots.

When fishing around wrecks and other obstructed areas, it is best to dispense with the tandem rig and place your faith in the high hook. Some fellows, though, will use the popular hi-lo rig when fishing such areas: one hook tied in close to the sinker and the other as mentioned. But this should always be governed by the area you fish. If it is indeed "sticky," using that bottom hook may prove to be a liability, causing many snags, loss of terminal tackle, and much frustration.

As for the proper hook to use for sea porgy fishing, this can indeed be a bone of contention. And I guess that's good. It will be a sad day in the bottom fishing game when each fisherman uses the same hook with no thought to experimentation. The day I was having my porgy fishing troubles aboard the Capt. Clark II, I was using a #5 Virginia hook, which was the only type available and is, of course, the ideal blackfish hook.

If I'd have had my choice that day, I would have opted for one of Mustad's Sproat hooks—say, a 1/0 for those large fish. This has long been my favorite sea porgy hook, but I do run into a lot of flack when I mention it. Most fellows who dissent, write and tell me they much prefer a Sproat #1 or #2—which are somewhat smaller. Well, that's fine. If these hooks do the job for them, that's all that matters. To each his own, and all that. But I'll stick to that slightly larger hook.

Bait, of course, is the time-honored skimmer. For sea porgies, I don't think it can be excelled. Some success may be had with squid strips. However, I've seen times when porgies absolutely refused squid, but I have never seen the day when a succulent slice of fresh skimmer has failed to bring results.

Now, the matter of chumming. If you are out on your own boat, you've got to consider it (unless you are wreck fishing—where it isn't needed); but if you're out on a party boat, the skipper may or may not use chum. And here let me say something in defense of party boat skippers.

You cannot beat the ability of a party boat skipper to bring porgies (or any fish) over the rail. So, the next time you are party boat fishing and the results are not up to your expectations, don't think the use of chum would have given you a bonanza. Never believe the skipper is trying to save money by refusing to chum—as several fishermen complained to me some weeks ago. Always bear in mind that your skipper is doing his damndest to get you fish. He's staking his reputation on it. He's not kidding one bit. Blame the fish which deserted the grounds if you must put the blame somewhere, but never the skipper. Never lose sight of the fact that many of these skippers have been in the fishing game for as long as fifty years. They know; we don't. It's as simple as that.

Should you be private boat fishing over a known mussel bottom, or any open bottom in which you have been led to believe will produce porgies, you should drift around a bit until the first porgy is caught. When this happens, lower the anchor gently—don't start up that engine!—and quickly get some crushed skimmer overboard. All you need to do is get those first few porgies coming; when that happens, stop chumming and start fishing in earnest. And don't waste time! Get them while you can. Porgies for some reason I've never been able to fathom, may suddenly quit biting without warning, so you've got to make hay while the sun shines.

Porgies bite best on a moving tide and you'll often find the least action near tidal changes. When the current picks up, your fish may or may not return. There is much to know about porgy fishing and I sometimes think we've only scratched the surface. Truly, porgies can be very exasperating to the fisherman, but what I've given you are the basics known to all experienced porgy fans.

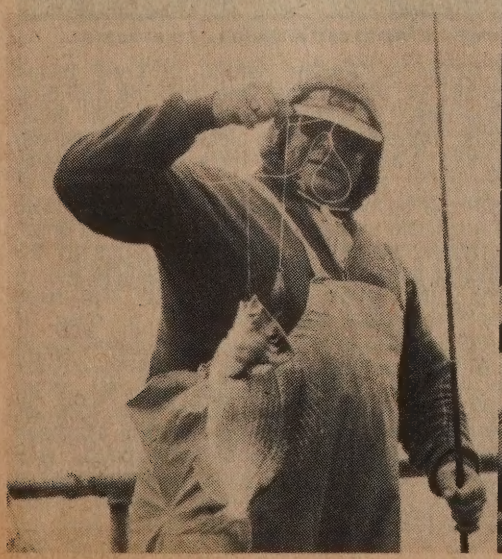
And now a brief word about inshore porgy fishing. Most fish from these shallow water areas are smaller, averaging about one-half to three-quarters of a pound. They may not be as large as their offshore brothers, but wherever they are found, they are indeed plentiful—in the Peconics, for instance. I have found that it is not nearly so important to be as cautious when inshore porgy fishing as when on the offshore grounds—although the quiet fisherman will always be more successful.

If you own a light to medium-weight spinning outfit, this is the place to use it. Those smaller porgies will give you many enjoyable hours. As for hooks, a #6 regular-shanked Sproat will do okay, as will a #8 Virginia. Bait can be either sliced skimmer or inch-and-a-half pieces of worm—sand worm preferred.

Expect to find your inshore porgies on the same type bottom as you would for the larger offshore fish.

I was going to end this article by writing a bit about the huge spawn-laden sea porgies that used to enter Peconic Bay during May in such astronomical numbers; but this excellent fishing has dropped off these past few years. There are always some around at that time, though, and if you think you'd like to try it next season, keep it in mind and make some inquiries of the local fishing stations toward the middle of May. You will get the latest up-to-date information with no strings attached.

So, all in all, if you want some exciting fishing, think about making a porgy trip. If it's as good as I've found it, you will never be sorry.



One "Grandaddy" that didn't get away.

Inshore porgies are smaller, but plentiful.

From late May to mid-June is one of the best periods for surf casting on Long Island Sound. In the summer, inshore waters become too warm and most species move to deeper waters beyond the reach of shore-bound fishermen. Although fall is also an excellent time to try for bottom feeders and predatory

MIXED BAG ON THE SOUND

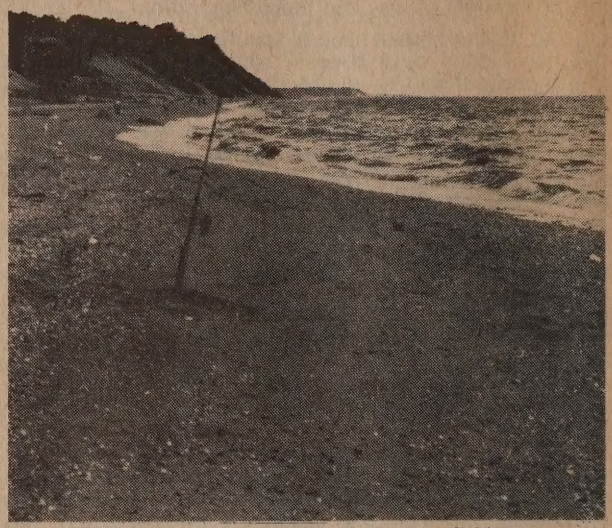
fish, all too often northeasterly storms bring nothing but vegetation within casting range. In late spring, however, with water temperatures in the high fifties to low sixties, fishing can be done both in daytime and at night for a mixed bag. Catching a variety of fish is frequently more exciting than going for one species, there is always that element of surprise, and chances are better if several kinds of fish are in.

Bottom Fish: There are three possibilities, depending on the weather the previous month. Blackfish will certainly be in and many are as large as their fall relatives. Porgies also enter the Sound around this time and many will be humpback-sized fish from one-and-a-half to two-and-a-half pounds. And there is always a chance to catch some outgoing flounders.

Predatory Fish: The major predator on everybody's mind is the striped bass. Despite diminishing quantities, a number of stripers are taken in spring. Most of them will be caught at night or twilight. Smaller bluefish up to five pounds, like a scouting party preceding the huge migrating army from the south, move within shore ranges and in some harbors. A few incoming fluke are taken and weakfish and mackerel as well. This is quite a list for the surf caster.

The problem is how to be a good generalist without bringing along a whole tackle shop. I fish with two surf rods: nine footers with medium sized surf spinning reels; e.g., the Garcia 306, filled with twenty pound test monofilament. This is a good weight line for the rough bottom formations on the Sound. For focusing on bottom fishing for blackfish and porgies, in that order, during the day I use a hi-lo rig with #6 Virginia hooks snelled on twelve inch leaders of thirty pound test. The bottom hook is set on a dropper loop about three inches above a bank sinker (two to five ounces), and the top hook goes a little over a foot above the first on a second dropper. An end loop takes care of the sinker. No hardware to pick up gobs of seaweed. If more porgies are in than tautog, however, I may switch to #1 claw hooks with sliced shanks to prevent bait from being stolen constantly. The best bait to use is sand worms, not only because fiddlers and green crabs are hard to come by at this time of the year, but also because both species will go for this bait. My second choice is skimmer clam; again, one that will attract both fish.

I do not know why tautog love sand worms in the spring and spurn them in the fall. I doubt that their mouths are more tender in the spring, as some people think. Perhaps there are fewer bergalls around to steal this soft bait. Last spring I fished Block Island Sound off Rhode Island for a few days with a friend who lives in Providence. At one place there were about thirty people spread out along the beach, but only one person was catching most of the fish—impressive ones in the three to four pound class and one seven pound bulldog. To be sure, he was in the right spot, but anglers were almost elbow-to-elbow. I noticed that he was the only one using whole sand worms; everyone else was using green crabs.



With one rod in a sand spike for bottom fishing...

...an angler is free to cast artificials with a second.

But to return to bottom fishing in Long Island Sound, there are two basic rules. One: fish the incoming tide. Two: fish near rocks in the water or mussel beds. Make your cast, tighten up on the slack, and set the rod in a sand spike. Keep an eye on the rod tip and check the bait every ten to fifteen minutes.

Now with the second rod, you can do one of two things: cast artificials or bait for predators. Metal lures, leadhead bucktails, swimming and diving plugs in the one to one-and-a-half ounce range are all worth experimenting with. Lighter line works better with these lures. Poppers are good mostly at dawn or dusk. If plugging is not for you, then rig up for baitcasting. A whole sand worm on a high hook can be tossed out for striped bass, weakfish (or fluke in the daytime), or an eel, or chunk bait—mackerel or bunker—for bass or blues. For worm or eel dunking, snell a 2/0 to 4/0 beak or claw hook to eighteen inches of forty pound test leader and connect it to a dropper loop, six inches above the sinker. Or you can snell a twelve inch leader of the same to a 6/0 to 8/0 O'Shaughnessy or Siwash hook for chunk bait. Tie it in six to twelve inches above the

sinker. Make your cast, not far from the first rod, and set it in a second spike. Check the bait every fifteen minutes, less for worms. If you happen to catch a small flounder or blackfish on the first rod, live-line it immediately on the second rod for predators. This kind of bait, alive and kicking, can be the deadliest of all.

The two basic rules for catching predators are low light and end tides; i.e., fishing an hour or two before the tide changes. Consequently, when going for a mixed bag, you should plan a trip that combines some night and some day fishing. For early risers, start fishing just before dawn, an hour or two before low slack. Set up both rods for predators: one with bait, the other with artificials, or both with bait. After the tide changes and sunlight comes up, change one or both rods for bottom fishing, as mentioned. For those who prefer evening hours, select a day when low tide will be in the afternoon and work the incoming tide with both rods for bottom fishing, or one rod for predators. At dusk, about two hours before high slack, start focusing on predators. Either way, you will be combining the best hours and tides for a mixed bag of fish.

Not all likely spots are visible, however, on Long Island Sound, especially on the flood tide. For example, in the Miller Place area, I know one rock that becomes totally submerged about two hours after low slack. About seventy-five minutes after low tide, a faint ripple can still be detected. Thereafter it is invisible, but at this point, I know it so well, I can cast to it without even looking. Therefore, if you are fishing a new area, it is useful to check it out around low tide for any irregular bottom formations likely to be covered later on. If you find a good spot and there are no landmarks around to mark it, then drop a "marker" on the beach and pray that it will remain there. A large piece of driftwood, set well back from the shore line, is useful. On the other hand, some spots are covered with so many rocks, it is impossible to fish there blind. The east end of Wildwood is a perfect example. Take a good look at low tide and pinpoint clear areas of bottom between the rocks for casting later on. Wildwood is a prime spot for many species, but you do not want to be tying new rigs after every cast.

Tidal changes on Long Island Sound are pretty easy to figure out because variations are negligible. Under the Bridgeport heading, variations from Lloyd Point to Herod Point near Wildwood, in the western part of the Sound, are a maximum of fifteen minutes. If you plan to fish anywhere in this vast area, you might just as well take the high tide listing directly from the Bridgeport list. In the eastern part of the Sound, from Mattituck Inlet to Truman Beach, variations are greater, not only between particular areas, but also between all of them and the Bridgeport list. For low tide, add or subtract six hours and about a half hour for the tide to change. At most beaches facing onto the Sound directly, there is little difference between high tide and high slack, which makes everything simple.

Long Island Sound is so vast, you may wonder why any fish would bother to wander into your little fishing spot. That's why tides and rocky areas or mussel beds must be considered. Most of the time fishing on the north shore is a relaxing, rather slow affair. But if you put in the time, you will discover "blitz" periods and they are most likely to occur in late spring when a variety of species are in.

SHRIMPING FOR YELLOWFINS

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banks, those fishing from docks, those bottom fishing from head boats, as well as those fishing from small outboards. My major objective in fishing has always been to keep it as simple as possible from all angles: expense, ease of moving around, maximum fishing fun and last, but not least, maximum fish catch. Take personal inventory of what you have, how much you want to spend and go weakfishing. There are many methods, many fish and many good places to go for them, but why not try shrimping.

WORMING FOR WEAKFISH

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zone, I've caught some of my largest tiderunners here.

Jamaica Bay is not known to be a weakfish "hotspot"; however, at times it does harbor decent amount of weaks. In the summer, when most of the other areas are infected with schoolie weaks, Jamaica Bay often plays host to a fair amount of tiderunners, especially at night. Drifting sand worms on a high-leader rig (forget the bottom hook here) in the vicinity of the Marine Parkway Bridge is your best bet. Do not fish in the day here as it is an almost certain waste of time. You can expect action here anywhere from the latter part of June through early September, with July and August the prime months.

The old adage "there's more than one way to skin a cat" takes on a new perspective when applied to weakfishing, although perhaps "there is more than one way to fillet a weakfish" would better apply. If you are one of those anglers smug in their "knowledge" that weakfishing solely consists of casting Salty Dogs off of Ocean Beach in May, my only hope is that this article will awaken you to the many possibilities of enjoying weakfishing throughout the spring and summer, using different techniques to score in different areas. Give "worming for weaks" a shot; it may "net" you (pun intended) more fish, and it will definitely make you a better all-around angler by expanding your portfolio of tricks and techniques. Be aware of the fact that there are many more baits, lures and methods that work for weaks. Unfortunately, it would take a book to describe them all, otherwise I would have done so here. Develop a mentality of always trying to build a better "fish trap" and you'll be ahead of the game. But, most of all, get out on the water and enjoy yourself!

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A Youngster's Memories of the "Good Ol' Days"—

Worming for WEAKFISH!

by Sal Terranova

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Last week, I covered several methods with which you can combine artificial lures with worms in order to score with weakfish. I also ranted and raved about the various subjects such as the recently, dearly departed days of the great weakfishing and how we as anglers should take positive steps at this point to prevent further damage to protect this beloved fishery. Since you were all so kind to patiently sit through all this, I promise to stick to strict information on angling techniques this week, taking a look at some bait rigs that employ sand worms and some spots where you should do well with them.

The two rigs I am about to describe here are both top-water rigs that are used solely with bait. Some of you may say weaks usually feed right off the bottom, so what's this top-water jazz? Top-water means that these rigs are placed at the fish's feeding level without employing heavy sinkers which anchor the rigs to the bottom. This is accomplished by using floats and shot sinkers that take advantage of the current to accomplish their task.

The first rig consists of a single Eagle Claw bait-holder hook in either the 1/0, #1 or #2 sizes tied directly to the end of your line. The size of the hook is smaller than what is commonly used for weaks, the reason for this being that the lighter diameter of the shanks of these hook sizes will not tear up the worms as easily as the thicker-shanked 3/0s or 5/0s. About three to five feet above the hook, a plastic float is attached to the line. The average size of the float and the distance between it and the hook will vary according to the tides, depth and nature of the water in which you happen to be fishing—although the distance between the float and hook just mentioned will suffice under most circumstances. You can employ it if you wish a three-float leader of twenty pound test or so between the hook and the main line. I generally don't bother, preferring to tie my line directly to the hook. Attaching a split shot six to twelve inches above the hook will help to keep the bait at the proper level. A whole sand worm is hooked through the head, leaving the rest of the worm to dangle seductively in the current. If I said it once, I said it a hundred times: pay particular attention to ensure that the bait is placed on the hook in the most natural manner possible.

Originally, this rig was designed to be used when chumming with grass shrimp, baited with either a worm or a couple of shrimps. Chumming with grass shrimp is a technique that yields impressive results, but the hassle of procuring the shrimp often is not feasible. However, I still employ this rig using sand worms for bait and do well. The float rig can be fished either from an anchored or drifting boat, although drifting is preferable, as you will cover more ground that way. If you desire, you can put the rod with the float rig in a holder with the drag set loose and cast lures with another rod while keeping an eye on the float. From an anchored boat, you can cast out the float rig and let it sink, or let the rig travel away from the boat by feeding out the line into the current. When fishing from a drifting boat, just cast your line out a short distance and let it sit. There is no need to feed out the line, as you are covering ground constantly. Always drift when conditions allow you to.

The second top-water rig is put together in the same way as the float rig, minus the float. This rig is similar in principle to a bluefish chumming rig, as is the float rig, being worked in the same manner. I use this dohickey whenever there is a strong tide running while I am drifting for weaks. Adorned with the proper amount of shot, it will place your bait right at the point where Mr. Weak's doorstep is, while giving you a better "feel" of your line by eliminating the float. When you're using this rig, you must constantly be alert for changing tide and wind conditions which will necessitate either increasing or decreasing the weight of the shot on your line in order to keep the bait at the proper level. Sometimes the shot will bounce or drag along the bottom, confusing you as to whether you have a hit or not. The ability to differentiate between the two is just a matter of developing a "feel," which you will achieve with a little experience. You should always have your reel in free spool or with the bail open, holding the line between your thumb and index finger to keep the line from flowing out inadvertently. In this way, you'll be ready to feed some line to the weak when he hits, fooling the fish by eliminating the pull of the drift and giving him ample time to swallow the worm. This practice is the same in theory as to the dropback technique employed when drifting for fluke.

Work this rig by either letting a certain amount of line out and holding it steady, or by slowly feeding line into the current. Keep in mind that certain combinations of wind and tide, particularly the wind blowing against the tide, will make productive drifting and the use of this rig impossible. Under these conditions, you will be better off anchoring and bottom fishing. This rig happens to be a particular favorite of mine because it allows you to employ the weak's battle without any encumbrances on the line whatsoever. This rig and ultra-light spinning tackle go hand-in-hand, although care should be taken when striking a fish with such tackle. Due to the "buggy whip" nature of an ultra-lightweight rod, it is difficult to set the hook with any amount of force. I let the fish run with the line a bit, until I am confident he has taken the bit deeply, then I snap the bail shut while slowly lifting the rod. In many instances, the fish will hook himself when you stop the line from flowing free. If you hit the fish hard when using the ultra-light gear, chances are good that you will either miss the fish or pull the offering out of his mouth, or possibly break your line and maybe even the rod.

Although most weakfishermen use light spinning gear, while some steadfastly insist on sticking to heavier saltwater conventional tackle, there is an outfit that is rapidly gaining popularity among Long Island weakfishermen. I make mention of this because this outfit seems to be tailor-made for use with top-water rigs. This outfit is the "popping rod," a beefed-up version of the freshwater bass fisherman's plugging rod. The rod

possesses a trigger grip reel seat to facilitate casting with the level-wind baitcasting reels used with it. This combo was developed by anglers who specialize in plug casting in the foliage-laden mangrove swamps and narrow creeks of Florida for tarpin and snook. Pinpoint accuracy is the key to successful fishing in those locales and that is provided by this tackle once you master the art of casting with it.

For weakfishing here in Long Island, you can also use the lighter freshwater bass sticks, those with offset grips, with equally good results. Freshwater plug rods measure 5½' to 6½', while the modified-for-saltwater-use popping rods fall into the six to eight foot range. Both types of rods are matched with level-wind baitcasting reels such as the Penn 940 or 920, the Shakespeare Presidential and the Garcia Ambassadeur, to mention a few. Lines in the ten to twenty pound test range are used with this gear, with twelve or fifteen pound test a happy medium.

Although it may take you awhile to master casting with this gear, more so if you have little experience casting conventional, once your thumb gets its B.A. degree and becomes fully educated, you will find that not only does this gear cast smoothly, but it also provides a degree of accuracy that makes popping gear lethal when plugging or jigging.

Apart from this quality, the fast taper of the rods gives you a backbone which comes in handy as far as setting the hook is concerned when using the top-water rigs, while the light tips provide a sensitive feel that will allow you to rather easily discern between bites and snags, cueing you in to what exactly the fish is up to. Bait casting reels will also give you better line control, facilitating things in general, over spinning reel when one employs methods such as those that call for free-lining baits into the current.

Popping outfits abound in versatility, being able to handle tasks that spinning gear is too light for and saltwater conventional gear too heavy for. As far as weakfishing is concerned, not only is the popping rod ideal for use with the top-water rigs and when jigging and plugging, but it will also handle bay-bottom fishing where sinkers in the two to five ounce range are used with equal aplomb, thus making it the all-around weakfishing rod.

Speaking of bay-bottom fishing, let's take a look at some of the bottom rigs which can be baited with worms to take their toll on the weaks. The most popular bottom rig that takes weaks is the traditional high-low rig, long a favorite of weakfishermen. As the name infers, the rig consists of one hook rigged high and the other hook rigged low, right on the bottom. The high hook is tied onto a three-way swivel three to four feet above the sinker; you can substitute a dropper loop in place of the swivel to make the connection. This top hook will have a three foot leader the length of the snell ensuring that the bait will flutter a few feet off the bottom on the drift, thus placing the offering in prime weakfish territory. The sizes of the hook used varies from 7/0 to #2, but when using worms a smaller hook such as 1/0, #1 or 2 is preferable. The second hook is attached to the line a few inches above the sinker. Many anglers use a smaller hook on the bottom, such as a Chesterton #8 or a #4 Eagle Claw to catch bottom species such as flounder and porgies which frequent the same areas as the weaks. Some anglers attach two small hooks, tandem-tied to catch the bottom feeders, while others do away with the bottom hook altogether, fishing the top hook strictly for weaks, in which case it's not a high-low rig anymore. Others vary the height of the top hook anywhere from three to six feet above the sinker; while some use a weakfish hook with a three foot snell on the bottom also, hoping to attract fluke as well as weaks by using squid strips.

As you can see, there are quite a few variations on a theme here, as the musicians say. All of these variations work at times; however conditions will dictate what will work best, when. I prefer to use a weakfish hook on a three foot snell tied four feet above the sinker and nothing else, choosing to fish strictly for weaks. I find two hook rigs to be awkward; besides if I wanted to fish for flounder and porgies, I'd do that. Just in case, remember that if weakfishing is slow, sand worms make great flounder and porgy bait. However, worms aren't the only bait effective with the high-low rig. Strips of squid or pieces of crab can be mighty good baits. One of my favorites when using the high leader rig is a combination "sandwich" of a worm and a tapered piece of squid.

The high-low can be fished from both an anchored or drifting boat, but again, drifting will yield better results.

The methods and rigs I've described up to this point, while effective throughout the entire weakfish season (May to September), are best suited for the good-sized fish caught during the spring spawning season, with the exception of the high-low rig.

This next rig I'm going to describe is specifically designed to catch small "schoolie" weaks that abound in our bays during the summer. The high-low is not as effective on these smaller fish as it is on the larger spring spawners. Through trial-and-error, I've found that a rig composed of a #2 or #4 Eagle Claw bait-holder hook on a twelve inch snell tied about eighteen inches above the sinker via a dropper loop or a three-way swivel, and baited with half a sand worm or a strip of squid, or both, will work wonders on these small fish. Not only will this rig account for many weaks, but it will also attract kingfish, porgies, sea bass and of course, our friend, the sea robin. And more of our friends, the sea robin—and then some! All joking aside, some things you just have to put up with. This all-around bay bottom fishing rig can be fished with equally good results from (not again) either an anchored or drifting boat, as opposed to some of the other rigs, which are best used when drifting.

The methods described in this article have proved to be effective in the two most renowned weakfish grounds on the Island—Great South and Peconic Bays. They're also productive in areas not often thought of as good weakfishing spots such as Jamaica, Shinnecock and Noyac Bays. I'm sure some of these methods would work well anywhere old Cynoscion regalis would care to swim through. I'm going to mention some spots where I've had luck to give you something to go on in case you've never done much weakfishing. Veteran weak-fishermen may as well skip the following as it's old hat information as far as you're concerned.

The mackerel and bucktail jig-heads adorned with a worm have brought me luck in Great South Bay when fishing off of Ocean Beach and Point O'Woods in the Channel, just north of the north side of Fire Island, between buoys 10 and 11 on the West and 15 and 16 on the East, going up North to can buoy #1. The worm on a hook drifting rig has also proved effective here. Going north, this rig has brought me results right off of Heckscher Park in the North Channel. Drift between buoy 3 to 4 and 5. The spinner and worm combo is good here, provided the grass isn't too abundant. In the summer, the general area between buoys 28 and 29 over to and east over to buoy 30, produces well on small weaks and kingfish when using half a worm with the last rig covered, the one where a small #204 hook on a short twelve inch leader is tied eighteen inches above the sinker. The high-low rig is not a particular favorite in Great South Bay, but comes into its own in the deeper waters of the Peconics. Here I've enjoyed good results with lure and worm combinations (excepting the spinner combo) and the high-low rig, particularly in the area of Robin's Island, just off either the north or south **tips of the Island.** Moving east a bit, these same techniques have worked wonders in the waters off of Jersey's Neck, in and around the rip just east of the neck, in Noyac Bay proper. I've enjoyed fantastic fishing when drifting on the outgoing tide from the rip to buoys 11, 16 and 17 on a more or less straight line to the narrow body of water that separates Shelter Island from North Haven. Feeding large, luscious sand worms into the current on a plain hook with only a shot to keep the bait in the pay-off

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Shrimping for YELLOWFINS

by Einar "Doc" Grell

Pound for pound, weakfish or common sea trout "hold their own" with other species of game fish in the same weight categories. Tied in with their great fighting ability is a mouth which easily tears if too much pressure is applied to line and reel. These qualities makes fishing for them a great challenge and an art unto itself, especially when you hook up with one around ten or twelve pounds with light tackle. If you employ light tackle in fishing for weakfish you will have many thrills.

Where do you find them? Unfortunately for the fish and fortunately for you, the Great South Bay area is undoubtedly one of the greatest areas in the world for catching these beautiful fish. Over the past six years, thousands of anglers have actually caught tens of thousands of these hard fighting fish. Lucky for the residents of Long Island, weakfish evolved the habit of early season spawning in the shallow water flats of our Great South Bay. This is indeed a blessing for us and we should not forget it. These fish could have migrated to other bays on the East Coast for this reproductive ritual which begins with the blooming of the lilacs as some old-timers say.

Weakfish, common sea trout, squeteague or **Cynoscion regalis** are scientifically classifed as members of the DRUM family characterized by male fish which emit a drumming noise when they are caught. Weaks are a schooling fish for the most part. They feed inshore over sandy bottoms, especially in tidal inlets and bays such as that of our Great South Bay. Some get into brackish waters and even go far up rivers. To see them swimming in a school is a thrilling experience. They are fast and graceful swimmers.

This past fall weakfish by the thousands could be seen schooling up in the waters off Fire Island and Jones Beach (fifteen to fifty-five feet) in preparation for their end of season trek. Many of these migrating fish were taken by local anglers who literally "Mohawked them" with metal jigs off such locales as Point O'Woods, Patchogue, Gilgo and Ocean Beach. Many of these fish nibbled and chewed away at bunker schools while live-liners rigged their hooks with live bunkers and joined these orgies.

Fishing Locations. Current hotspots nowadays are readily available in the media. However, there are always new hotspots to be found. Weakfish apparently like a wide variety of bottoms ranging from that which is muddy, sandy, to that of hard sandy ocean bottoms. More often than the importance of the bottom is that which is swimming over the bottom whether it be small squid, shiners, sand eels, worms, or grass shrimp. I have found that where you find multitudes of grass shrimp or sand eels swimming around, especially in May and June you will sooner or later find your friend, the weakfish. When fishing for them do not forget to look into the water to see what is "cooking" even to the extent of taking along with you a barrel with a glass bottom or a mask and snorkel, if you are the Cousteau type. I assume that if you go this route and jump into the Bay in April, May or June, that you will be wearing the proper attire—which means at least a quarter-inch complete wet suit or a complete dry suit. With water temperatures ranging from 43° F. into the 50° range you certainly will not want to become part of the ecology of the bay. At any rate, spend some time looking into the water.

Shrimping for weakfish. This method involves either buying grass shrimp, which are hard to get, or collecting your own with a very fine net. Considerable work is involved for the simple reason that you must find out where the grass shrimp are and net them. You need at least a solid gallon of them for this operation to be successful since the shrimping procedure involves distributing the shrimp into the water by hand. You will be pinching several of the grass shrimp and placing them in the water...one, two and three at a time as you go about establishing a grass shrimp chum line. The idea here is not to overfeed, but to slowly draw the weakfish closer to your boat in your chum line. If you over-shrimp, the weaks will lay way back in the slick and get fat. The idea is to coax them a little, get them hungry, draw them a little closer and then give them five, six or seven grass shrimp all at once which, of course, will be impaled on your 1/0 or 2/0 hook which has been drifted back to them in the rather lean, stingy grass shrimp slick.

When shrimping, employ light line, no more than twenty pound test and do not attach weights of any size to the line. It is much better to pull several lengths of line out as you place your baited shrimp into the chum line. I have found that two or three pull-outs of line representing between six and nine feet of line (about three feet of line to a pull-out) will sufficiently sink the baited grass shrimp so that they will look quite natural floating in the shrimp or chum line. As you do this, the idea is to free spool your baited line in such a way that your baited shrimp keeps pace with the speed of current. You free spool your baited shrimp back in the chum line about 100' to 150'. If there is no hit, slowly reel in. Oftentimes, you will get a hit on the reel-in. The objective here is to find out where in the chum line the weakfish are located. If you are a good shrimper, you will be able to work the weaks up almost under your stern and will literally "Mohawk them." At any rate, where you locate the "shrimped," chum-lined weakfish is where you will fish. I might say at this point that another alternative to shrimping is place a five gallon tin of menhaden (chum) in the water, tied off your stern cleat. This will also draw weakfish, but obviously is not shrimping.

Shrimping for the most part involves quite a bit of work. However, the results can be very rewarding. In the old days this was the prime method for weakfishing. Old-timers employed very light, linen or cotton thread (the lighter the better) with short, stiff rods and achieved excellent results. Remember in shrimping, it is essential that you procure enough shrimp to undertake the method. Also, do not chum with shrimp via a method whereby you throw ladles of shrimp into the slick. If you do this, your catch will be minimal. It is almost imperative that you parcel out the shrimp by hand; a few pinched and placed in the water

maintaining a steady, consistent chum line. If you do not like to break or pinch shrimp by hand, shrimping probably is not for you. There are many other methods which do not involve your fingers getting messy.

Night Shrimping. Another method for catching weakfish is to light up the water around your boat at night, attract the grass shrimp and then cast into the lighted area (where the grass shrimp are congregated) a variety of artificial lures. If you have caught live grass shrimp, you can drift back into the lighted area baited grass shrimp.

A method which I have found most productive for catching weaks at night to place your boat in a nice drain, such as that behind West or East Fire Island, where you know grass shrimp or sand eels abound. Place your underwater light into a five or six foot hole (light, of course, is attached to a lanyard tied on to boat). Watch to see that grass shrimp are being attracted to light. Then pull up on your anchor about 50' to 100' into the current. Your light is now down-current from your present location. You now are ready to have some good fishing. The outstanding feature of this method is that you have complete privacy. Your light is underwater where it belongs. You do not tell the "night people" where you are as you would do if you had a lighted Coleman lantern hanging from your boat. The underwater light does not emit light rays from water into air and say; "Here I am fellows; I am shrimping. Come on over and help me 'moider them'." Don't get me wrong: I am not anti-social. But there is one thing that I cannot tolerate and it is this.

Me and my fishing buddy find a nice drain. We do our homework. We have found the grass shrimp and they are cavorting in the light. We have just begun to catch some nice weaks by casting plastic shrimp or drifting baited grass shrimp into the bewitching area when all of a sudden out of nowhere appears a couple of "dim whacks" with their high-powered outboard. They haven't the vaguest notion what we are doing, but they anchor up right behind us without saying a word to us. However, they say plenty of words amongst themselves. Throw out a few lures. Catch nothing and as speedily as they arrived at our spot, they up-anchor and take off. Needless to say this ruins the fishing for at least an hour. It is owing to this type of behavior that I have resorted to underwater lights.

What truly amazes me is that there are literally thousands of places in the bay where this method of catching fish may be employed. I have caught weaks at well-lit marinas and gas docks where the lights from the facilities have made this method available without employing an underwater light. Anyone with a little imagination can purchase an underwater light and he is in business. The light I employ is an Ocean Pro Handlight which is constructed of high impact, corrosion proof material which is completely rechargeable. It emits approximately 3000 British Candle power units and burns underwater approximately one-and-a-half hours before it needs recharging. It is brilliant to say the least. It is available from Oceanic Products, 814 Castro St., San Leandro, California for appoximately $65. I have had my light for ten years. When not utilized as mentioned, it is probably one of the finest lights you could have on your boat for nighttime navigation. It has a penetration range for picking out buoys, landmarks for a mile. Visible range on open water with clear weather conditions is almost range of visible eye. If you were broken down at sea and wanted to be seen by aircraft or search boats, this is the light to use. When night running, this light is constantly aboard my boat. This is a priority item for night fishing and boating. If you are a scuba or skin diver this light is the one you would employ.

The disadvantages of night fishing are quite obvious. It is pure night fishing for the most part. This is not prime time for weakfishing and when you do catch weaks much of the thrill of the actual is lost in you playing "blind man's bluff." On the other hand, if you prefer to be a phantom, a night person and have complete privacy as well as the thrills of trying to figure out which way your night tiderunner is going with you bait, this method can be a barrel of laughs and thrills.

If you try this method, don't neglect to work your live shrimp or lure into the lighted area. We have caught weaks at night employing just about every type lure imaginable, even lures which have never caught weaks during the daytime. Amongst those employed have been Jelly Worms, Smiling Bills, Hopkins St Hammertails, Viking Touts, small Avas, Bagley Salty Dogs, Screwtails, Bagley Grubs, Purty Bank O B's, Rat Finks, Psychosquids (one inch variety), small Rebels, Spinner Bugs and Tri-Fin Jog 'n Tails...to name a few.

If you are not an "artificials" enthusiast you can vary your night fishing shrimping method by **floating** shrimp, blood and sand worms into the lighted areas.

Weather for Shrimping. "When the wind is out of the east or the southeast the fishing is the least." This is an old saying for the Great South Bay which I have found to have considerable truth in it, for the simple reason that if you have an east wind of any speed much of the flocculence and suspended materials in the eastern part of the bay gets pushed into the western part of the bay causing extreme cloudiness in the waters off Heckscher State Park, Bay Shore and the Babylon flats. Look for the nice days, mornings or evenings to fish for weaks and stay out of areas characterized by big waves and white caps.

Time and Tide. Best time for catching weakfish is early in the morning, and best in evening just before dark in May and June. If you can get the last hour of the incoming tide (flood) at this time you could have an orgy with the weaks. By all means keep an accurate record of tide times and where you catch your fish. Certain obvious maximum catch phenomena will reveal itself to you for specific areas.

The nice thing about weakfishing is that everyone can get some of the action: the guys fishing from the

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A good place to catch weaks from the bank— the Captree Bascule Bridge.

An Overview of

Long Island Fishing Piers

Courtesy of the Pier Access Committee of the New York Sportfishing Council

Part Three—by George Gerhold

MAGNOLIA PIER & POINT LOOKOUT

MAGNOLIA PIER

This fishing pier, located at the foot of Magnolia Boulevard, Long Beach, can be reached by car through the following routes:

Sunrise Highway to Long Beach Road going south. Following Long Beach Road through Rockville Centre/ Oceanside until you reach the fork in the road. Take the left fork (Austin Boulevard) and go over the Long Beach Bridge, for six traffic lights. Make a right turn at the sixth light—you are now on West Park Street. Take West Park Street eight lights to Magnolia Boulevard and make another right to the end of the street. For bus information, call MSBA (516) 222-1000.

Coming from the New York City area, take any road leading to the Atlantic Beach Bridge. Follow the main road through Atlantic Beach, going east until you reach Magnolia Boulevard. The approximate distance from the bridge is about 2-1/2 miles.

Magnolia Pier is open year-round and there is ample parking at the base of the pier. There are no restrictions for residency, nor is the pier guarded in any manner. The pier is well lit at night, but since there are no guards most fishermen leave before midnight.

There are rest rooms available in the Municipal Pool adjacent to the parking lot. The pool is open in the evenings and usually during the school term.

There are no facilities for cooking or picnicking.

Magnolia Pier extends into Reynolds Channel a short distance from Hog Island Channel, Island Park. Since this channel is used by oil tankers, the depth of water is over thirty feet and currents can be exceptionally strong.

The species of fish caught from this pier are: flounder, fluke, porgy, weaks, snappers, bluefish, stripers and blacks. Last year, there was an excellent run of blues in the fall and for years past there have been runs of whiting (frostfish) in the evenings. This run comes sometime after December, and a call to Tony at Ralph's Tackle Shop, Island Park, will inform you exactly when and what bait or lures to use.

The bottom, for the most part, is hard sand, but because of the current pyramid sinkers are a must.

Boat traffic is heavy on weekends.

Bait and tackle can be purchased at Ralph's Tackle Shop on Austin Boulevard in Island Park, as well as the Commodore Fishing Station, which is at the foot of the Long Beach Bridge in Island Park.

WEST MARINA at POINT LOOKOUT

Directions:

Meadowbrook Parkway south to toll booth. Enter toll booth designated for Point Lookout; make right at light when leaving parkway. The marina is first right turn. The marina and fishing pier can be seen as you go over the last bridge into Point Lookout. Alternate route is Sunrise Highway to Long Beach Road. Go south on Long Beach Road through Oceanside into Island Park; follow signs. Go over the Long Beach Bridge, six lights to West Park. Make a left on West Park and take this direct to Point Lookout. For bus information, call MSBA, (516) 222-1000.

Pier Facilities:

Ample parking; clean rest rooms. Benches. Park closes at dusk. Town of Hempstead residency required, but not strictly enforced. Facility is available year-round.

Bait/Tackle:

There are three places bait can be purchased in Point Lookout that are about one-half mile from the marina and pier:

Long Island Sea Clam (Doxie)
Scotty's Fishing Station
Ed's Fishing Station

Water depth at mean low average 10' to 20', and the bottom is hard sand. There are strong tidal currents here, so heavy pyramid sinkers are a must. The high moon tides can also result in a grass problem on outgoing water. Boat traffic is heavy on weekends, particularly since you are near Jones Inlet.

Species of Saltwater Fish that Possibly Can Be Caught:

Flounder	Blues
Fluke	Weakfish
Blackfish	Snappers
Stripers	Sand Porgies

Note:

Point Lookout is a small town that has local merchants who can supply the tourist with any needs from food to car repairs. There are also Town Beaches directly across from the fishing pier, but these are for town residents and passes are required.

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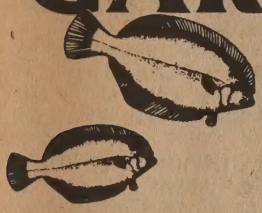

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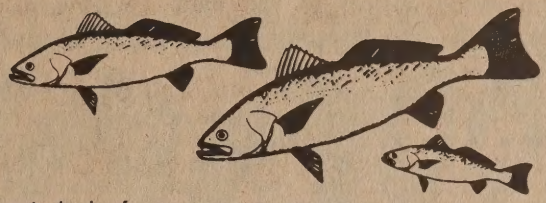

In these inflationary times when fishermen are looking at gasoline prices of close to a buck-and-a-half a gallon that they need to run their cars and boats, it will become more and more prudent to spend a little more time planning our fishing trips. There are many ways of cutting down the expense of gasoline for each fishing trip, depending on what type of fishing you do. If you have your own boat, you'll want to make sure that your engine is fine-tuned for best gas consumption. If you trailer your boat, it may be wise to learn the fishing grounds closer to home where there is a decent ramp for launching. Surf casters may have to cancel that annual trip to Hatteras or Nantucket and head for the local beaches in our State Parks, like Robert Moses and Montauk. But what about the open boat fisherman? What options does he have?

Captain Artie Lach of the party boat **WILHELRIC II**, now sailing out of Sag Harbor, stopped by **The Long Island Fisherman** building a few weeks ago and told us he had been giving this problem a great deal of thought over the winter. A large part of the Wilhelric's business comes from anglers who travel from the west end of Long Island and the five boroughs of New York. It takes the better part of a tank of gas to make the trek to Sag Harbor for a day of fishing, which adds a big expense to the cost of a day of fishing for snowshoe flounder, weakfish, porgies or blackfish. One way to cut down on this fixed cost is to encourage car-pooling, but many anglers are already doing this. Artie's idea went one step further: once the people have made the trip out here, why not try to fit two fishing trips for different species in the same day? The cost of gasoline for the trip would remain the same, but is actually cut in half by amortizing the expense over two trips!

This time of year is an excellent time to try this idea out because there are many species of fish making their appearance at the same time as the warm water fish and winter hold-overs overlap in their migrations—such as the weakfish and snowshoe flounder. The Wilhelric II sails out of Sag Harbor, which places it in an excellent position to sail in two directions. Located on the south fork of the Island close to Shelter Island, you can sail to the west and you will quickly be in some of the greatest weakfishing waters in the world: the Peconic Bays. Sail to the east and after a short ride, you'll be fishing in the land of the snowshoes: Gardiner's Bay. The idea is simple: drive out some morning in time to catch the morning trip for snowshoe flounder that leaves Long Wharf in the heart of Sag Harbor at 7AM. When the boat returns about 3PM that afternoon, you have about four hours to spend in Sag Harbor to eat dinner or go sightseeing before heading back to the Wilhelric II to catch the 7PM trip for night weakfishing in the Peconics. This trip will deliver you back to the dock by 1AM, which means you should be able to make it home in time to catch the Late, Late Show (if there still is one).

The next three or four weeks will provide the peak fishing for both these species. The flounder fishing on the east end is often comparable with that of Quincy Bay, and you don't have to spend a day driving there and burning up a lot of expensive gas. If the Captain is looking for quantity, he'll fish awhile off Orient Point, where the bottom is usually paved with fish in the one to two pound range. For the larger snowshoes he'll fish such famous areas on the south end of Gardiner's Island as Tobaccolot Bay and the mussel beds around Eastern Plains Point. This is the area where legitimate snowshoes worthy of their nickname are taken each spring—flounder weighing three pounds are common, and you'll need a fish close to four pounds to win the pool.

Returning to the pier at Long Wharf after a day of flounder fishing, you can have dinner at one of the numerous, excellent restaurants that are within a few minutes walk of the harbor. If time permits, you can visit the Sag Harbor Whaling Museum, which is very interesting to fishermen and non-fishermen alike. Or, if you really have some time to kill, you can even stop in at the offices of The Fisherman to shoot the breeze for awhile. Just make sure you get back to the Wilhelric II for the 7PM trip for night weakfishing in areas such as the Middle Grounds, Robin's Island, Jessup's Neck, Cow's Neck, the South Race, etc. Bring along your light spinning outfits and a good supply of jelly worms.

To add a further incentive to this double-trip, Captain Lach has also made a package deal. The regular fare for the day flounder trip is $16, and the fare is also $16 for the night weakfishing. But if you go on both trips as we have suggested, the package price is only $25—a savings of $7. Add this to the gas you save for your car and the savings are substantial. For further information on this innovative idea to double your fishing pleasure, give Artie a call at (516) 728-2679.

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VIEW FROM THE BOTTOM

by F. J. DiPalma

Pods of bluefish were slowly finning their way just a foot or two above the sandy bottom of the bank, frowning jaws and staring eyes groping through the glass-green murk which allowed a few translucent rays of light to filter from the sunny surface thirty feet above. Some of the pods contained five or six fish. Others had as many as a dozen. Together, the many pods formed a number of small schools. These schools, in turn, were part of a massive migratory pattern. Each bluefish had received its own individual message. A subtle change in water temperature dictated a general movement southward. And in the course of that movement, a prime concern would be food: a deep-rooted need to fatten up for the leaner months ahead.

For the time being, however, their appetites were sated; truculence, belligerence, blood lust in temporary check.

The bluefish were herding great shoals of sand lance before them. Slender, silver-colored, six to eight inch fingers of prey, the sand lance were also obeying an instinctive impulse. Moving toward the warmer waters to the south, the great schools of baitfish were themselves intent on filling their own little bellies with the tiny morsels of sea life or minute scraps that formed a still lower rung in the food chain.

And so the sand lance survived, in part, for the benefit of the shadowy predators around them.

Because the bluefish were not in the throes of a feeding frenzy, it must not be assumed that they totally ignored the sand lance. Idly, as one of the unwary slivers of prey moved away from the sheltering mass, it would be gulped by a passing blue. An injured lance, isolated, became an instant meal. A prime lance, delaying overlong on a morsel of its own, became, in turn, a quick snack for a hovering bluefish.

Whenever a few of the bluefish moved toward the great mass of lance, the main body would not become unduly aroused. The lance in the immediate presence of danger would veer away in unison as though they had received a command from a leader. It was an instinctive maneuver—a reflex action for survival. Then, as the shadowy presence moved on, the lance resumed their former positions. Considering the nature of the primal world of the sea bottom, the scene was tranquil enough.

It would not continue so for long!

When it did happen, it was as though an invisible charge had galvanized the watery arena. A change in tide, possibly. Perhaps the intrusion of a current of warm water. Whatever! The change occurred with a sudden dynamic intensity. As one, the bluefish formed loosely connected ranks and moved in on the great schools of sand eels. The lance nearest the bottom dived head-first into the sand, burrowed quickly into the sheltering grains and were, for the time being, safe. Lance on the outer periphery of the schools were in the direct path of destruction as the implacable jaws of the predators opened and shut repeatedly, as the feeding frenzy impelled them to attack, attack, attack...

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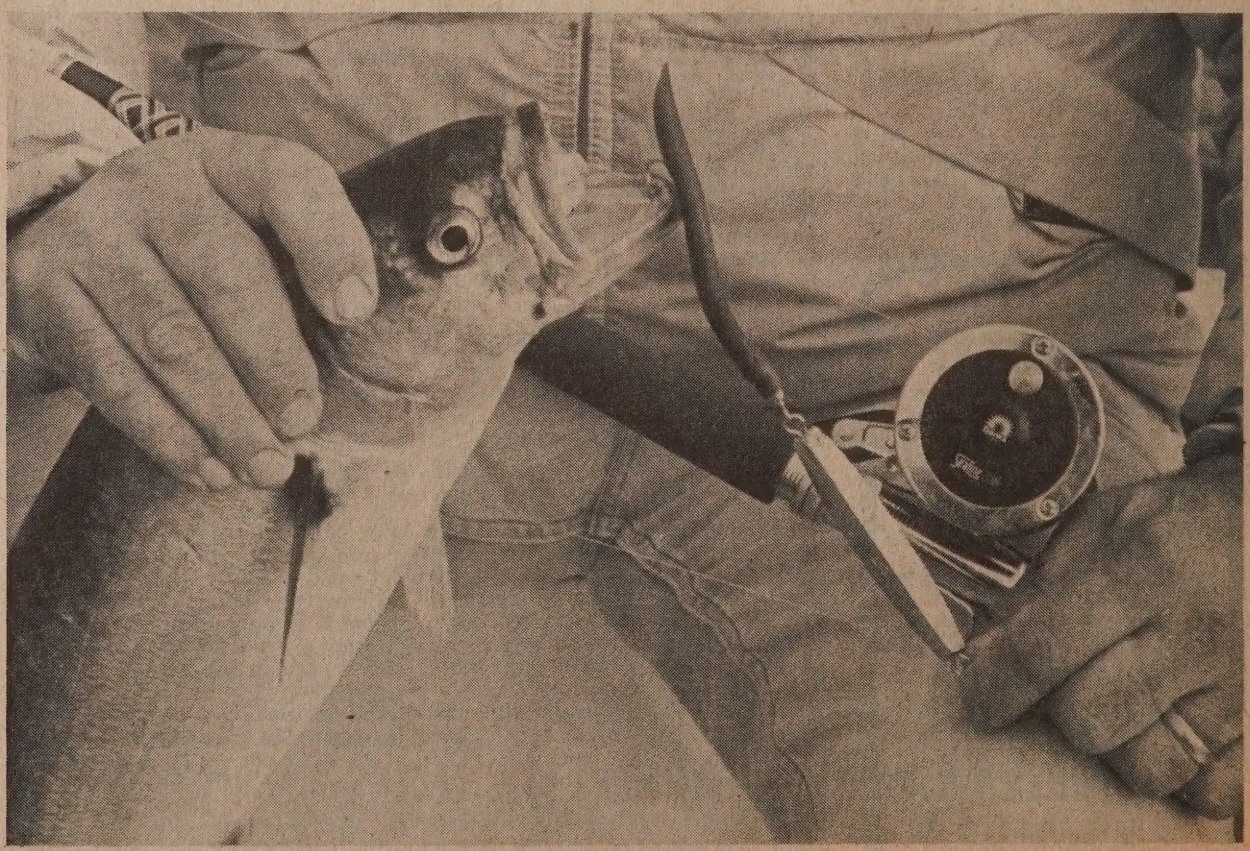

Diamond's glitter fooled many a bluefish.

being herded inexorably toward a low shelf, where they formed a tight compact living ball.

For several feet above the bottom the water was clouded with the crumbs of slaughter as the bluefish continued to press the attack. Some of these crumbs—messy scraps of flesh—hovered near the bottom. Other bits, together with an oily film, actually reached the surface and created an almost imperceptible film on the sunlit swells.

Far in the distance, the uncanny vision of a gull had detected the minute change in the water's surface. A second—and yet another—sea bird also detected the impalpable change. Food! Within minutes, the surface of the ocean above the low sea mount had become the center of flocks of converging birds. Soon raucous cries filled the air as the diving, wheeling, screeching gulls worked the area.

More than a mile away from the activity, the skipper of a party boat swept the water with his binoculars. He held the glass on the birds momentarily, as they crossed his line of sight and made a quick decision.

On the bottom, the sharp-toothed predators were still harrying the masses of sand eels. So enormous were the schools, so great their numbers that even the massive attrition wrought by the bluefish appeared to have little effect.

Yet the sleek-bellied blues continued to gorge themselves. At times, they would spit out a number of lance from their extended bellies, then continue their frenetic feeding. Chopping, chopping, chopping...

Now a new element intruded into the view on the bottom. Shiny tasty-looking attractors flutter from the surface through shafts of sunlight. These new intruders look good even in the murky depths as they throw off glints of light, dancing, as they do, momentarily on the bottom. They look even more tempting as they try to flee, racing headlong toward the surface. Full bellies or not, the new element excites the appetites of the bluefish anew. If not their appetites, then their curiosity—and their belligerence.

And so they strike. First one or two. Then several at once. Some of the bluefish escape the inexorable power that impels them toward the surface. But most of those that encounter the sting of the hook eventually succumb to the relentless pressure.

The decimation of the bluefish schools lessens to some extent the immense kill of the sand lance. The feeding frenzy of the predatory blues subsides. The bottom scene resumes its former character of wary of tolerance.

On the surface the sea birds stop working the wave tops. They follow now, in the frothy wake of the party boat as the vessel moves toward its home port.

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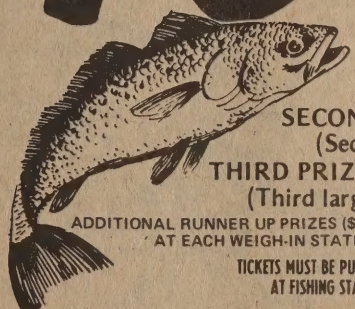

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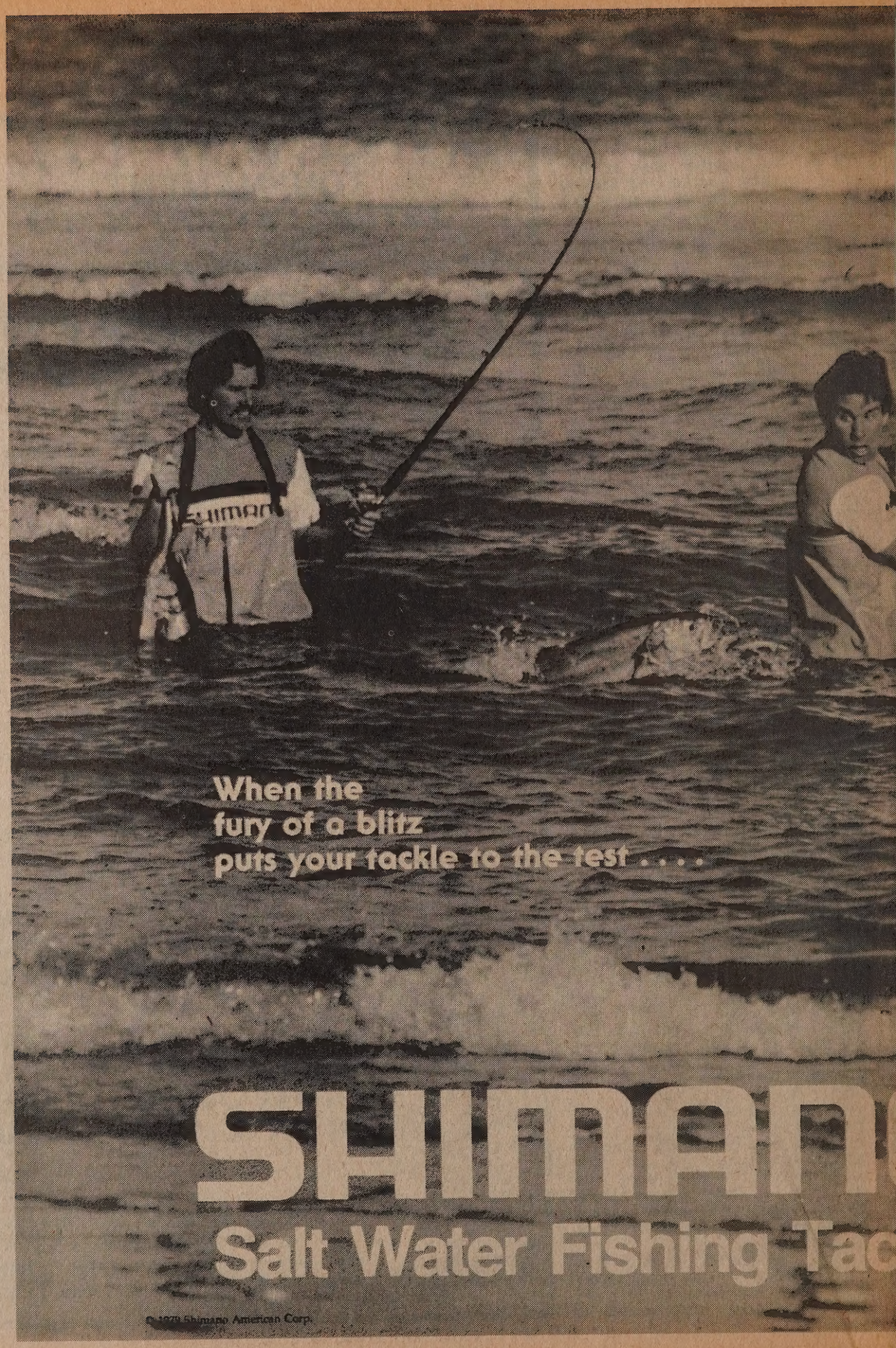
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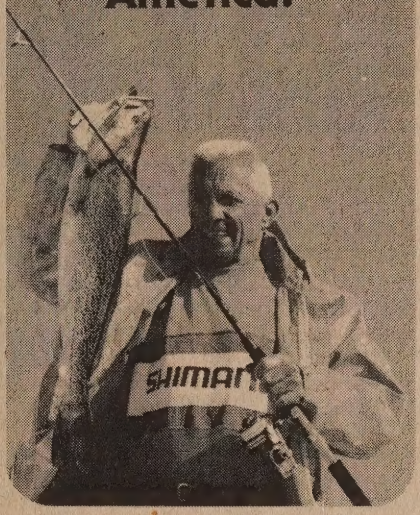

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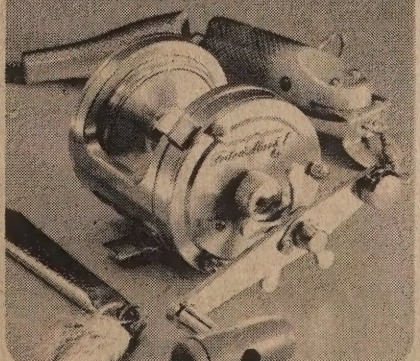

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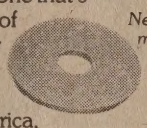

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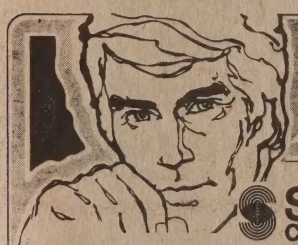

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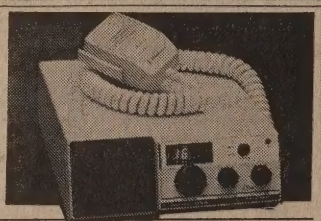

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BOATING INDUSTRY GOES TO BAT FOR FISHERMEN AGAINST PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

Washington bureaucrats are after the fisherman again, this time with a proposal that would tag a three percent Federal excise tax on boats of 25' and below, and boating equipment—the most popular classes of boats used by American fishermen.

The proposed three percent excise tax is a provision of the Dingell/Johnson Expansion Bill (H.R. 6074), introduced last year primarily to enhance sport fishing by expanding Federal and state funding. The House Subcommittee of Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment began hearings on the D/J bill March 18.

If three percent doesn't sound like much, consider this: the new tax would add approximately $100 to $275 to the cost of a typical entry-level boating rig.

In addition, the impact of the tax would probably exceed its three percent statutory level by the time the consumer made the purchase at the retail level, because of the markup in the distribution chain. The effective rate could reach five to six percent, thereby increasing the price to the consumer far out of proportion to revenues raised by the government.

Current funding for the Dingell/Johnson programs is produced by a ten percent tax on fishing tackle, generating $30 million for fisheries programs and research each year. The excise tax on boats, if passed, would raise the funding to an estimated $120 million per year, or roughly a four-fold increase. What's the extra loot to be used for? Over fifty percent will go to expand the fisheries research bureaucracy—less than half will actually benefit fisheries habitat programs, the expansion of fish hatcheries, or provide funding for new launching ramp construction.

Increasing fishing license fees from their $7 or $8 level to just $10 would provide tens of millions of extra dollars specifically earmarked for fisheries development and research if properly distributed and used, claims the National Marine Manufacturers Association. If additional saltwater fish hatcheries and habitat are needed, a $5 or $10 saltwater license or fish stamp program could provide funding for this purpose. Currently, most states on saltwater don't require such licensing.

"NMMA is cognizant that the American fisherman is one of the

boating industry's most valued clients, and we intend to act in his best interest, in concert with the best interests of all boaters in this country," said NMMA president Jeff Napier. "We hope that all American fishermen/boaters will express their displeasure over H.R. 6074 to Congressman John Breaux, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment, which is considering the bill."

Boatmen already pay $300 million annually in registration fees, sales and use taxes, and fuel taxes, and NMMA feels that's a fair share. "When it comes to additional taxation without clear benefit or need," Napier says, "we're ready to stand up for the American fisherman and boater and say enough is enough."

COAST GUARD REPORTS ON 3-YEAR ENFORCEMENT OF 200-MILE FISHING ZONE

Foreign vessels are complying increasingly with U.S. regulations following three years of enforcement in the 200-Mile offshore fisheries conservation zone, the U.S. Coast Guard reported today.

The Coast Guard said foreign fishing in U.S. waters declined sharply in 1977 and 1978, but leveled off in the past year. The number of violations discovered per vessel boarding continues to decline.

The Coast Guard expects to shift more of its enforcement effort to domestic fishing fleets in th 1980s as regional fishery management councils issue new management plans for their ocean areas.

The councils, composed of Federal and state fishery administrators and industry representatives, are expected to reduce foreign fishing quotas further and permit domestic fleets to increase their catch.

However, the Coast Guard expects large foreign fleets will continue to fish off Alaska, where stocks are abundant.

Since the Fishery Conservation and Management Act became effective on March 1, 1977, the Coast Guard, in cooperation with the National Marine Fisheries Service, has seized 28 foreign vessels, initiated about 250 civil penalty violations and issued nearly 800 warnings to operators of foreign and domestic vessels.

Fines and penalties collected from these actions total more than $2.25 million.

The act, which set up a 200-Mile fisheries conservation zone, expanded the Coast Guard's and Fisheries Service's responsibilities to protect and manage about ten percent of the world's fish stocks. Under the law, foreign vessels must obtain fishing permits from the United States specifying the quantity and types of fish they may catch.

To enforce the act, Coast Guard aircraft patrol active fishing areas and report fleet locations to Coast Guard cutters. Personnel from the cutters, occasionally accompanied by National Marine Fisheries Service agents, inspect

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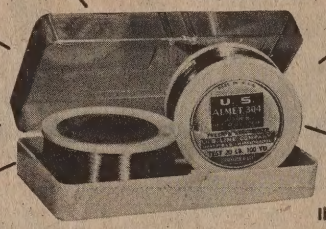

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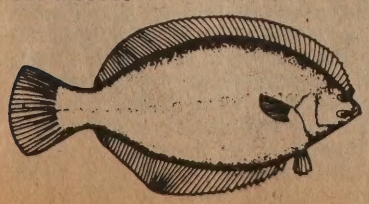

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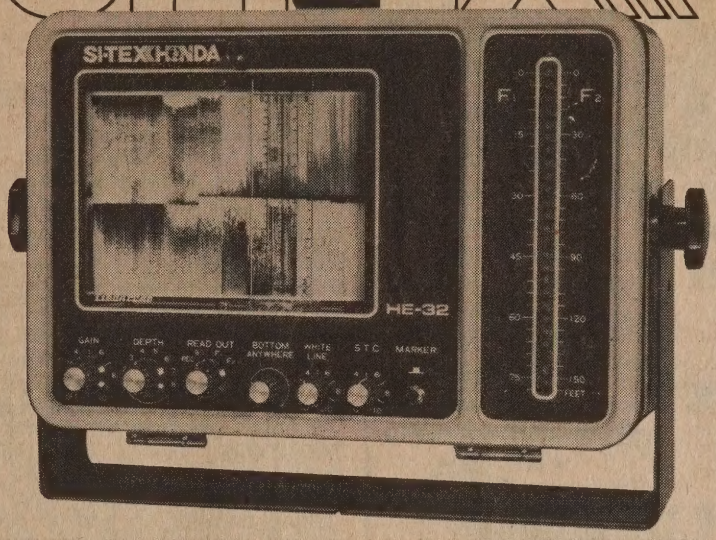

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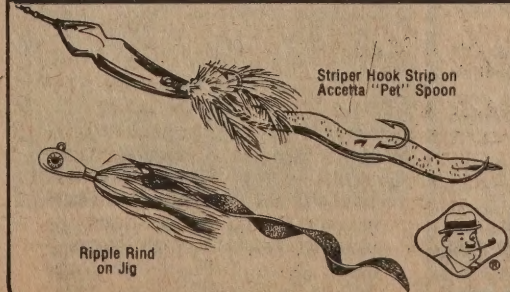

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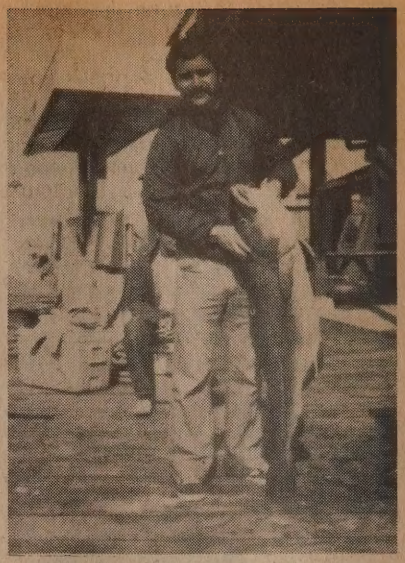
NEW WORLD'S RECORD? Henry Colombi of the **Star Island Yacht Club** called to say that a new world record pollack may have been brought into the marina on Saturday. Thomas F. Cashman, the Great White Shark Star of Moriches last year, caught a 29 lb. pollack on six pound test off Block Island aboard the private boat "BAR-BAR-Jack." The fish took twenty-five minutes to land and the paperwork has been sent in claiming a new World Record to the International Game Fish Association. Henry said that the action has been hot around Block Island and the boats have been taking between 15 and 35 cod and pollack each trip. Henry also said that he only has a few slips left for the Charity Shark Tournament being held July 12 and 13.

Capt. Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** reported a catch of 50 cod and a load of mackerel for Jerry Kenny of the Daily News and Jack Caruse. Fishing was done at the Hooter Buoy. On Thursday a charter lead by Jack Sleaks of New Hyde Park took 65 cod.

Captain John DeMaio of the charter boat **Vivienne** reported that the cod action has been very good to excellent and remarkably consistent, with daily catches ranging from 30 to 55 cod per trip. Most of the cod ranged from 5 to 15 lbs. and they are being caught on diamond jig/

This fine haul of 55 cod was made by Hank, Frank, Joe and Mike on Ava jigs and tubes aboard the charterboat "Vivienne."



Nick Seleran displays the 43 lb. cod that he caught recently on a charter aboard the "Montauk."

tube rigs or bait in the Block Island area. John says he hasn't been getting any pollack on the jigs, however, he heard some of the other charter boats have been trolling them on umbrella rigs. The captain noted that he is open both days this coming weekend May 17 and 18. Give him a call at 668-5130.

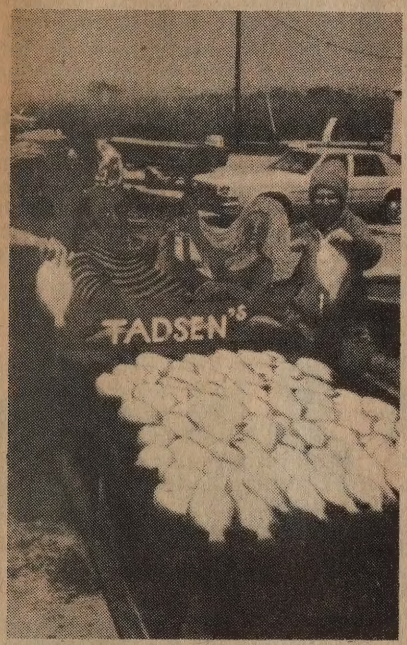
Captain John Sweetman of the charter boat **Ebb Tide** dropped into the LIF offices recently to tell us that he has founded a new charter service. Called "Montauk's Ebb Tide Charter Service," John said that he will specialize in arranging complete fishing trips, including motel accommodations, box lunches, transportation, etc. In other words, one phone call does it all, and no charter is too large or too small. For further information, give John a call at 668-3058.

Captain Ron Grandinetti of the charter Boat **Julie III** on Friday had a party of six led by George Acosta. They bagged 70 cod from 4-16 lbs. A small pollack and a 2 lb. sea bass were also boated, all off Block Island. Saturday's charter for Joe Koestner and party boated 28 cod up to 18 lbs. and two sea bass. Sunday's charter at Rocky Point for a party led by Richard Sorris managed 81 flounder up to 3 lbs. and one sea bass.

Captain Buddy Forman of the **Viking Skipper II** reports that the past 2 weeks were mostly good to very good. Most fares caught a couple of cod and others scores were higher. Friday saw Bob Kelly of NJ and Lou Stanton of NYC with 17 cod each. On Saturday, Irv Garner of Queens and Phil Westbrook of Bklyn. had 13 and 10 cod respectively. Cod were in the 5-30 lb. class and all were caught on bait in Block Island waters. New co-captain of

charter boat **Barracuda** is Captain Gene Kelly, formerly of the charter boat **Sea Doll.** Gene will be sharing duties with the boat's skipper Captin Gary Kieffer.

Captain Frank of the charter boat **Free Spirit** called to say he expects the shark fishing to start in about 2-3 weeks. Water temp is almost right. Frank says to book those tuna trips now because there is plenty of action in June. There is an opening this Sunday for anyone interested in cod or flounder.



Bill and Eleanor Scadito of New Jersey with over 100 flounder taken on worms and mussels in Moriches Bay. The pair left from Tadsen's Fishing Station.

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WEAKS

SHINNECOCK

The Captain Clark II reports good flounder fishing in eastern Shinnecock Bay from midweek on. Incoming tide produced fish up to 2½ lbs. On Thursday, Sgt. Andy Peda of Hampton Bays took the pool for the second time in a week with a 3 lb. flounder. The **Captain Clark** will star weakfishing this Friday, May 16. The fish are now starting to move into Peconic Bay with reports of some weaks being taken at Cow Neck, Jessups and in the South Race. Clark is looking forward to a good weakfish season.

Thom at **Speck's Bait & Tackle** reported the weakfishing has been hot and cold. Best action has been at Robin's Island on jelly worms, bucktails and Salty Dogs. Fish being taken range anywhere from 3 to 13 lbs. Gloria Fasciano of NJ took a 9¼ pounder on a white bucktail adorned with a strip of squid. On Friday, Dick Diederich and John Kovchinsky fished Cow Neck during incoming water and took 20 weaks up to 12¾ lbs. drifting jelly worms. Thom also knew of a flurry of flounder activity which began Wednesday and lastest through the weekend west of the Ponquogue Bridge. While the fish were smallish there were plenty of them. Walt Bohnenberger, Walt Nicholson and Harry Barckel fished Tobacco Lot on Sunday and returned with 36 flounder up to 4 lbs. 4 oz. They fished incoming water using worms and mussels.

HAMPTON BAYS

Capt. Fred at **Corr's Mariners Cove** reported fair flounder fishing at the Basket area. While quantity was not so good the fish being taken were for the most part in the 2 lb. range. He described the weakfishing as spotty with boats over the weekend returning anywhere from 0 to 6 fish apiece. Netters continue to take bass in the 5 to 6 lb. class in Shinnecock Bay.

MORICHES BAY

Bill at **East Moriches Bait & Tackle** reported excellent flounder fishing the latter half of the week at buoys 29, 27, 42, and 45. Biggest flattie he weighed in over the weekend was 2 lbs. 13 oz. A few weaks being taken in the Hole near buoy 42 on sandworms, jelly worms and Salty Dogs with squid strips.

Ron Ott made this catch of 95 keeper flounder by himself at buoy 42 using bloodworms and clam chum. Fish were taken during outgoing tide. Ron left from L&M Marine.

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Mickey Mickulas and Walter Szalankiewicz with 179 flounder up to 2 lbs. taken at buoys 29 and 27 in Moriches Bay. Photo courtesy of Highway Fishing Station.

Jim at **Skidmore's Fishing Station** was enthused about the finest flounder fishing of the season at buoys 41, 42 and 39. In Thursday's rain, Tom and Charles Romano, Charlie Cox and Ismael Miranda returned to the station with 149 keepers taken on worms and dyed clams at buoy 41. On Saturday Ed Gallo and Rick Gagne of Whitestone totaled 85 flatties at buoy 42. They used mussel bait and chum. The fishing slowed on Sunday due to high winds but John and Barbara Kopp and Carol Shcchy still managed to take 68 flounder at buoy 39 on worms and dyed clams. "It's a nice short ride to full bags" according to Jim so get in on the hot action while it lasts.

Highway Fishing Station tells of very good flounder fishing Monday through Friday with the weekend slower. Skiffs are averaging 30-60 fish per. Saturday's high hook was 78 flounder for Al Buchanan, wife and children Saturday. They returned Sunday and bailed another pail and a half of fish. This was all on worm, mussel and clam.

L&M Marine reports flounder fishing still very good with plenty of action on both tides. Most boats bringing back at least 60 keepers. Ron Raynor and Vinnie Hopler of Manorville had 144 beautiful fish with lots of 2 lbers. working both tides using clam and mussel chum and bloodworms as hook bait.

Cheryl at **Westhampton Marine Supply** tells of 70 flounder for Justin and Jared Cohane on sand and bloodworms in the local bay. Local fishermen report that the weakfishing dropped off in the Shinnecock Canal and Robins Island this weekend due to the high winds.

This fine catch of flounder was made by Jim and Steve Micolo north of buoy 42 using mussel chum and bait. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

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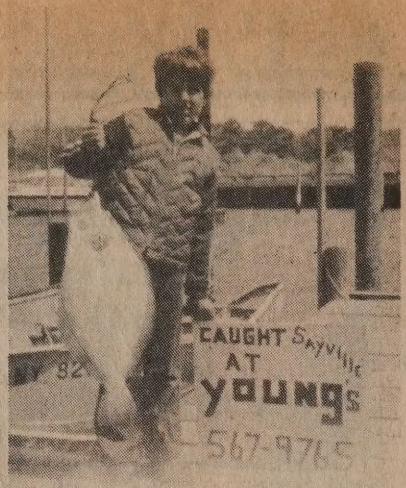
SAYVILLE

Bob Lee reported from **Young's Fishing Station** that there is now a good body of weakfish in the bay. Best fishing has been at buoys 12 and 13, Point O Woods and West Island. Fish range anywhere from 3 to 12 lbs. Joe DiPiere, his wife Judy and son Chris returned with 3 nice



Nine-year-old Mike Bennett displays the 5¾ lb. fluke he took at Point O'Woods on a Salty Dog and sand worm combo meant for a weakfish. Photo courtesy of Young's Fishing Station.

weakfish taken on jelly worms at Point O Woods. Bob saw his first fluke of the season. The 5¾ lb. dormat was taken at Point O Woods by 9 yr. old Mike Bennett who was fishing with his dad Mike Sr. The fluke was taken on a Salty Dog tipped with a sandworm meant for a weakfish.

WEST SAYVILLE

Vinnie at **South Bay Fishing Station** reported good weakfishing at Ocean Beach and Point O Woods. Jelly worms and sandworms have been accounting for most of the fish. Vinnie said that he weighed in 4 fish over 11 lbs. in the last few days. On Saturday, Jim Walsh and his son took 7 weaks up to 11½ lbs. Also on Saturday Gene Basovitch and Irving Schwartzman returned with 18 tide-runners from 7 to 12 lbs. On Sunday, Gary MacDonald and Paul O'Connor clicked with 11 of the yellowfins. There biggest was 11¼ lbs. A few blues starting to mix in with the weaks and the first fluke and seabass have also been taken in the area.

OAKDALE

John at **J&R Sports Center** reported that Ray Solinas and wife Barbara took 6 weaks from 8¾ to 10¼ lbs. on Wednesday at Ocean Beach. On Friday Ray returned with his friend George to put away 7 more of the yellowfins. These fish were all in the 8 to 9½ lb. class. Grape and strawberry jelly worms fitted on ¾ ounce Tri-Fin diamond heads accounted for all of the fish. John weighed in a 12 lb. 9 oz. weak for one customer who did not leave his name. A few small blues in the

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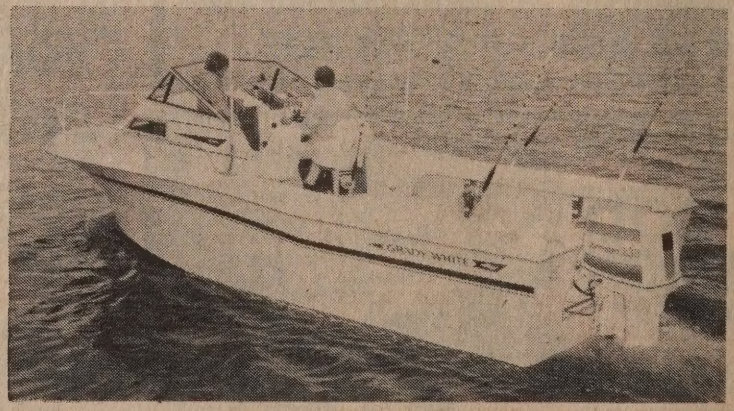

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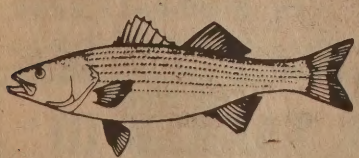
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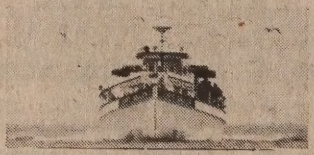

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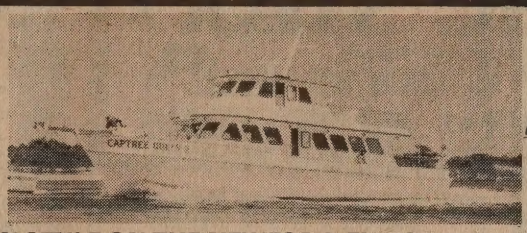

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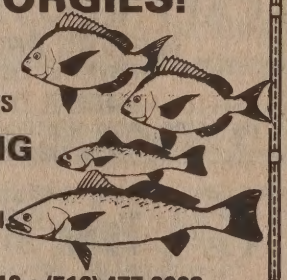

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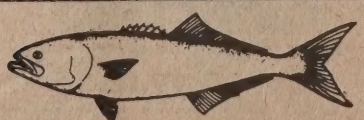

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BAY SHORE

Carl at **Smokey's Bait & Tackle** weighed in an 11 lb. 2 oz. weak for Boyd Miller Thursday evening. The fish was taken on a green jelly worm. Friday morning, Michael Rabczewiski stopped by to weigh in a 12 lb. 3 oz. weak. Most of the fishing is being done in West Channel and at Ocean Beach and a few small blues are being taken along with the weakfish. Some flounder being taken in the vicinity of the Lighthouse on worms and clams and a few fluke being picked in the Inlet.

Mackerel appear to have petered out. Smokey asked us to remind customers that he will now be open from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday and 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays.

CAPTREE

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen II** reported that they have been taking weakfish averaging 7 to 9 lbs. from West Island east to Point O Woods. Flounder fishing has been good all along South Beach to the Inlet on clams and worms. On Friday Emil Steyer copped the pool with a 2 lb. 9 oz. flattie. The Capt. said that the flounder appear to be petering out and he will probably be switching over to fluke by this weekend.

The **Capt. Joseph Fleet** reported good weakfishing at West Channel, the Lighthouse and Ocean Beach. Most of the fish are tiderunners from 7 to 10 lbs. and are being taken on grape and strawberry jelly worms. Fifteen of the yellowfins were landed during Friday afternoon's trip. The **Joseph Fleet** will also be switching over to fluke by the weekend.

The **Jib Fleet** reported that the weakfishing has been improving daily. On Friday 9 fares totaled 25 weaks from 5 to 9 lbs. as well as a few small blues. Jelly worms have been accounting for most of the fish but those using whole sandworms score well also. Flounder are hanging in with fares averaging 4 to 10 keepers apiece on Saturday. Nine year old Patricia Flick on her first fishing trip was high hook on Saturday with 11 flatties.

Bobby at the **Captree Bait Station** reported that Emil Steyer's 2½ lb. flounder copped the weekly flounder derby. The fish was taken on the **Captree Queen**. He called the floun-

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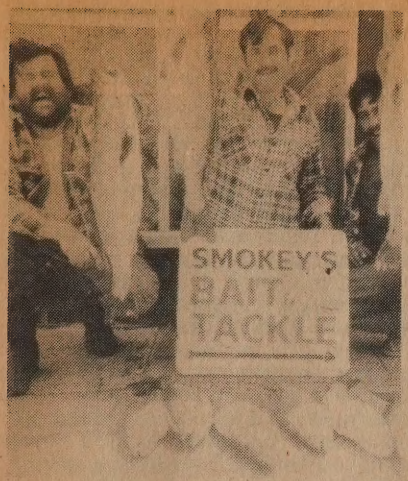

Boyd Miller, Tom Smith and Frank Guerriera show the nine weakfish up to 9¾ lbs. they took at Ocean Beach on jelly worms. Photo courtesy of Smokey's Bait and Tackle.

der fishing from the Lighthouse to the Inlet fair and knew that some boats would be switching over to fluke within the next week. Pretty good weakfishing at Ocean Beach, West Channel and the Lighthouse. Private boatman Glen Smith stopped by on Friday to weigh in a 14 lb. 5 oz. tiderunner which he took at buoy 13, Ocean Beach.

BABYLON

Bill at **Babylon Fishing Station** reported fair flounder fishing on worms and clams off of Good Sam and at the Babylon cut. While the flounder are not plentiful they are good sized and in addition some big eels are mixed in with the flatties. Good weakfishing at buoy 8 and near the Lighthouse. Fish are averaging 8 to 9 lbs. with the best action on both sides of high water. Strawberry jelly worms have been taking most of the fish. A few blues being picked up in the bay now.

At **Augie's Bait & Tackle** Ski reported that 13 yr. old Eric Koingel weighed in a 8 lb. 10 oz. weak on Saturday. Also on Saturday Capt. Al and his crew journeyed to Orient to sample some northfork flounder fishing. They returned with 250 flatties from 1 to 2½ lbs. Charlie Missakian of Deer Park weighed in a 8 lb. 13 oz. blackfish which he took at Ocean Beach on a Hopkins hammertail while fishing for weakfish. Ski relayed word that best action has been during the last of the incoming and first of the outgoing. The weaks are running anywhere from 3 to 14 lbs. with most in the 8 and 9 lb. range. Mackerel are about finished apparently.

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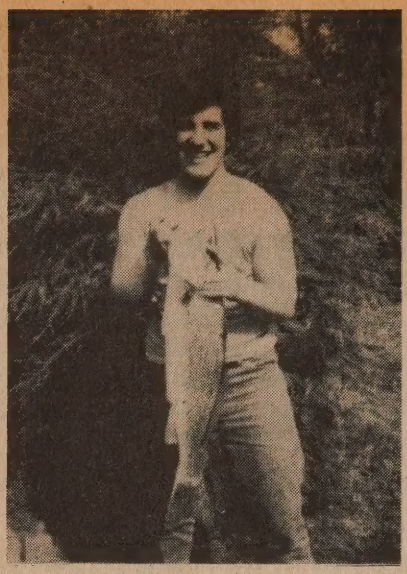
Marie at **Comb's Bait & Tackle** reports good weakfishing at West Channel, Ocean Beach and the Babylon cut on purple, strawberry and florescent jelly worms. Sandworms fished on hi-lo rigs have been turning the trick also. Best action has been during the last part of incoming water. Decent flounder fishing continues at Squaw Island and Zach's Bay. Best near slack water. Plenty of blacks at the bridges on green crabs.

SEAFORD

Lon Wanser Bait & Tackle report-

Bob Lee took this pair of weaks on jelly worms at Ocean Beach. Photo courtesy of Young's Fishing Station.



John Carter displays the 9¼ lb. tiderunner he took aboard the Gloria R at Ocean Beach. Subscriber Club photo.

ed real good flounder action at Sqaw Island and West Island on worms and mussels. Lots of blacks at the 3rd Wantagh and Meadowbrook bridges. Fluke are just getting started with most of the fish being taken still under the legal 14'' size. As for weakfish, Frank Gatto, Peter Bilella of Massapequa used mackerel fillets to take 10 fish up to 12 lbs. at the 3rd Wantagh bridge. They returned Saturday night with sandworms and mackerel fillets and put away 13 more weaks up to 12 lbs. and 1 school bass. Eric and Nancy Kochanski clicked with 8 and 9 lb. weaks at West Channel on Saturday. Mackerel seem to have left.

John at **Pop's Fishing Station** reported that Ann Galluccio fished Massapequa Cove on Wednesday and took 60 flatties up to 2¾ lbs. She returned on Thursday to take 61 more using worms and corn chum. On Saturday Bill Ample and Pat Salva fished Squaw Island and returned with 38 big flounder including a half dozen in the 2½ lb. class. Also Saturday Mike Bianco and party from Brooklyn managed over 50 flounder on worms and clams at Four Corners. Some small fluke in the area and weakfish and blacks at the bridges.

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FISHING REPORTS

NOTICE TO READERS:

The following reports were momentarily misplaced during the usual Monday morning rush and were discovered shortly before we went to press. We offer our sincere apoligies that they do not appear in the correct sequence with the rest of the reports. S.S.

BAY SHORE

Burnett's Boat-el is now running Bob & Tony's Fishing Station at the Bay Shore marina basin.

Captain Neil of the **Casey Lee** reports that weaks and fluke are here! Sunday saw an improvement on fluke. Floundering was poor. The skipper's mother on Mother's Day had 3 keepers up to 3½ lbs. Neil says the right tides are coming up this week for decent fluking and sand eels are the preferred bait. Weaks are coming in large. Saturday's night trip accounted for 13 weaks and one blue. The pool weak ran 13 lbs. 6 oz. and was caught by George Kiegel. Fish averaging 10-11 lbs., the largest seen in the bay. Sand and jelly worms in grape and strawberry are being fished near the bottom. East and West Islands producing best on the flood.

CAPTREE

Charter boat **Capt. Leo** on Saturday for 200 flounder for 17 people fishing the Sore Thumb. Hi hook was John Dempsey of Brentwood. Harry Messemer of Jersey City had 1 flattie weighing 1 lb. 15 oz. The charter was for Joe Zeitzer and party of College Point.

The **Captain Scotty** has been locating weaks in the 6-10 lb. category on jelly worms and is now running 2 weakfish trips daily. See ad for details.

BABYLON

captain Ron of the charter boat **Seabird** last Sunday provided a good catch of mackerel for the Wine Barrel charter of Babylon. This Saturday, it was a flounder charter for General Offset Printers of New York City and they caught strong on the first of the flood. Shaun Malloy bagged a 1¾ lb. pool fish. Ron says he'll be sailing open boat this Saturday for flounder and fluke and also will be sailing at 4Pm for weaks Saturday and Sunday.

SEAFORD

Bob's Fishing Station tells us that Al Zikelie and 2 buddies landed 50 flounder fishing at Four Corners Saturday on worm and clam. Another party came back with a cooler full fishing the area of the second Wantagh bridge.

BELLMORE

Merrick Tackle reports there are weakfish being caught from Jones Inlet to the Meadowbrook bridge, fish up to 11 lbs. on bucktails. Roy at Merrick Tackle took a 5 lb. weak on a sandworm bounced along the bottom at midweek in late afternoon. There are some fluke at the inlet, mainly midgets. Flounder may be pursued now at the are aof the Meadowbrook Bridge and the Coast Guard Station.

BALDWIN

Arthur Street Fishing Station reports that Dr. Stu Bernstein had 2 weaks up to 7½ lbs. fishing Ocean Beach on sand worms Saturday. Flounder action was good on the weekend as were crabs. Baldwin Bay, Cinder Creek and Garretts Lead were good for flounder up to 3 lbs. The biggest of the week was caught by Mr. Ortmuller. Larger flounder are in the area of the Meadowbrook Bridge.

FREEPORT

Charter boat **Shalidon** which this season is specializing in Canyon trips has just a few dates open and also just a few dates open for blues and tuna and also a couple of dates open for mako shark at the Mako hotel.

Charter boat **Capt. Gary** skippered by Capt. R. Franks ran open Sunday working Reynolds Channel for a good catch of flounder fishing the flood at Short Beach. Hi hook and pool winner with 27 flounder was Bill Neglia of Brooklyn. Bill also had 2 blackfish. A 17'' fluke was taken on dyed clam. The boat will run open again this Thursday and Sunday for flounders. See ad for details.

Mackerel catches have been spotty a mile east of Cholera and south of the BA. Flounders have been caught this week in good numbers at the CG station on incoming tide and also at Swift Creek. Blackfishing has been a good item at the bridges and the T wreck, along with a few large sea bass, ling and whiting. Weakfishing has been fair at Ocean Beach.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed's Fishing Station tells of good flounder catches this past week at buoys 16, 17 and 18 and also in the flats. Late in the week, the Meadowbrook bridge, Swift Creek and Fundy Bay were also yielding good specimens. Eddy Durand, Joe Deckeet and Freddie, all of Ridgewood bagged 50 flounder and 2 fluke in the flats. Saturday, Bennie Kozuch of Forest Hills bagged 8 fluke. This was on sand eels. Some blackfish showing up at the bridges.

Captain Dennis of the **Marie III** in Thursday's rain fished Bronx Engine #60 and Ladder #17 for a slow flounder pick in the morning but a good afternoon catch which resulted in 75 flounder for seven men. This was in Reynold's Channel at buoy 17 on worms. Saturday, a rival company outfished Thursday's group 2-1. This was Engine & Ladder 52 of th e Bronx. A 2¼ lb. pool fish was boated by Joan Lazo. High hook ws bill Heats with 15 flounder. Twelve year old Kerri Murphy was hi hook amongst the youngsters with 12 flounder. Again, it was slow in the morning, good in the afternoon. Best tide was high at the flood, all at buoy 17 in Reynolds. Mike Nicoletti on his boat Inga G fished weaks Wednesday and Friday with catches of 8-11 lb. specimens taken both days on sandworms fished on a 4' leader weighted at the top with 3 split shots and drifted along the bottom.

ISLAND PARK

The Commodore reports flounder fishing was good during the week to the tune of 25-30 keepers a man fish going up to 2½ lbs. Saturday and Sunday was a little slower and the fish a little smaller, due to the extremely windy weather. Captain Clem is also catching fish now at the Short Beach CG station as well as in the back channels. The boat will be sailing Monday, May 26, Memorial Day.

WEST END SOUTH SHORE

★ BEST BET ★ FLOUNDER

POINT LOOKOUT

At **Scotty's Marina**, Andy Chisholm reported a catch of 13 weaks from 6 to 12½ lbs. made on Saturday by a pair of anglers drifting mackerel strips in the inlet. The anglers were intent with fluke but more than happy to have the weaks interrupt their fishing. This was on Saturday. Ed Reinflesch gave the fluke a shot over the weekend and managed 19 of the new arrivals. Only 1 however was a keeper. Fishing was done in Reynold's Channel. Good blackfishing at the bridges and the construction dock and still some big Bostons being taken in 40 to 60' of water. On Sunday Nyla Amato of Point Lookout celebrated Mother's Day by using the 2 dozen sandworms she received from her daughter in lieu of flowers to take 60 flounder at buoy 17.

ISLAND PARK

Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle Shop** reported that Mike Aubel, Mike Koczko and Tom Baruso aboard the Cold Duck journeyed east to Ocean Beach to take 14 weaks from 5½ to 10¼ lbs. and a 4½ lb. blue on Saturday. All three are members of the Nassau High hooks Fishing Club. Fluke beginning to make a showing according to Charlie.

LONG BEACH

Tom at **Long Beach Sports Marina** reported very good flounder fishing continues in the vicinity of the cement block and the Cedarhurst Yacht Club. Lynn and Artie Lewardowski returned on Saturday with 55 up to 2 lbs. Rockey Gagliarco had a load of whiting fishing Ambrose Channel over the weekend. Fluke are the big news in the area as they are now establishing themselves in Reynold's Channel. While many of the fish are shorts, bigger fish should be mixing in on a daily basis.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Skippy's Bait & Tackle reported that Bea Schneider, H. Peterson and C. Renhack went all the way to Ocean Beach to take 9 weaks and 2 blues on sandworms and jelly worms. Richie herpes took a 2 lb. blue in one of the local creeks on a small sidewinder. Stan Kaplan, Robert Raymond and Augie Repole aboard the Lily P fished Duck Point

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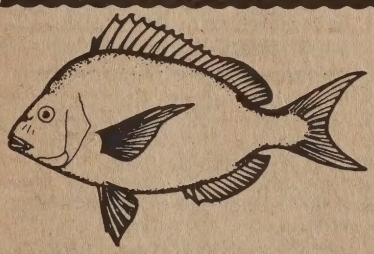

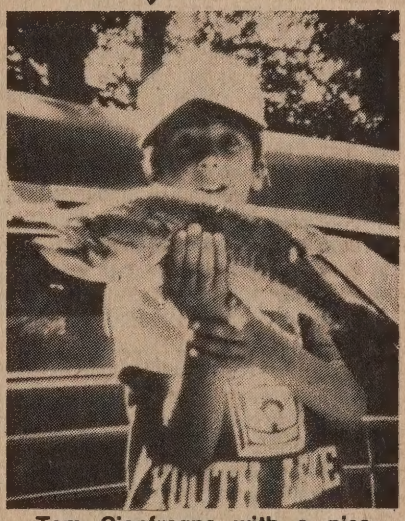

Tom Cianfrogna with a nice sized largemouth taken during a trip last summer. Subscriber Club photo.

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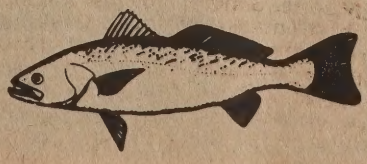

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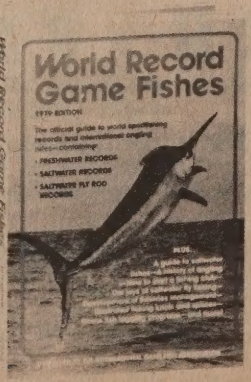

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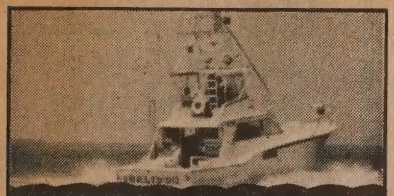

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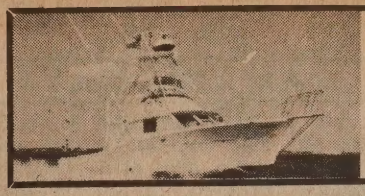

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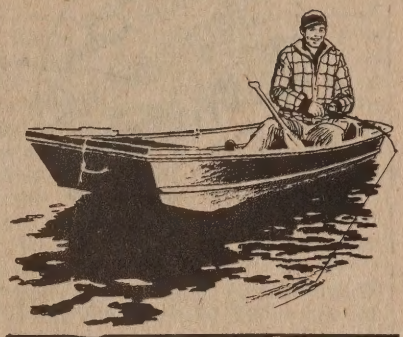

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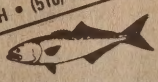

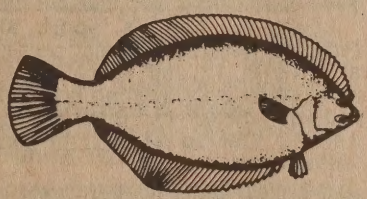

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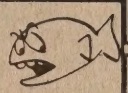

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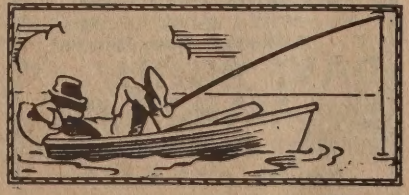

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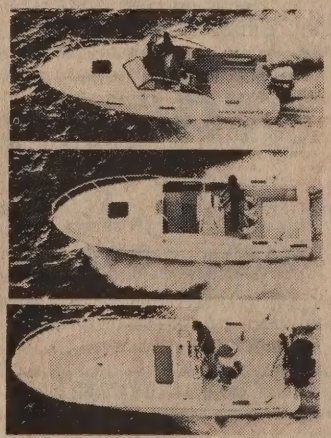

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JAMAICA BAY

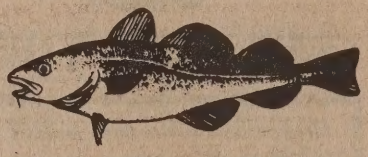
John at **Cross Bay Bait & Tackle** reported that flounder in the half pound range are still keeping anglers occupied on the bridges. Blackfish are improving daily on fiddlers and clams and a couple school bass have also been taken by bridge fishermen using worms or bunker fillets.

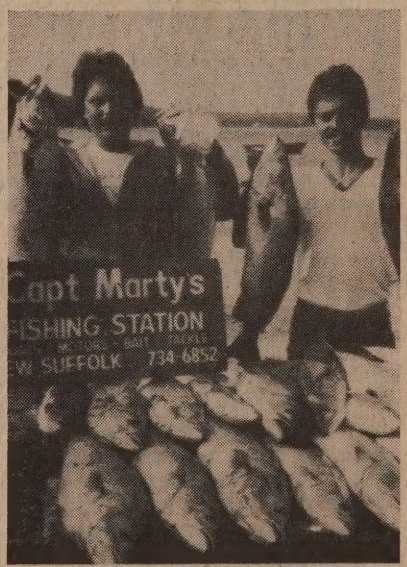
SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Sal at **Stella Maris Bait & Tackle** reported a lot of nice blackfishing being taken around all the rocky areas. Plenty of whiting and ling at Ambrose and mackerel still around but way off the beach. Two blues were taken by shorecasters at Manhattan Beach on the weekend.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny at **Santo's Sport Shop** reported flounder fishing continues at piers 8, 12 and 17. In addition some small bass, whiting and tommy cod are mixed in. Blackfishing is getting started at all the usual tautog spots.





Scott Weiss and Nick Savene with a catch of 24 weakfish up to 12¼ lbs. made in the south Race between buoys 23 and 30. Fish were all taken on jelly worms. Photo courtesy of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station.

PECONICS & GARDINERS

★ BEST BET ★
FLOUNDER

GREENPORT

On Saturday Scott Matthias and wife of Florida fishing aboard the **Peconic Star** took 72 flounder between them. John Gupman had the big flounder of the week, a 3 lb. 14 oz. brute on Saturday. Best action was in the Sound. The quantity of the catch remained very good, though the fish are getting a little smaller.

Charter boat **Prime Time** is now in the water and starting to sail and choice dates are still available. See the **Brand X** ad for phone number. The **Brand X** is now swinging over to weaks and porgies and is also sailing night weaks Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7PM.

Frank Lindstrom of Bay Shore, a member of the Tinkers Fishing Club, said that 11 club members fished off Orient Point Sunday and took 208 flounder that averaged 1½ to 1¾ lbs. Frank took the pool with his 3¼ lb. snowshoe. He noted that the larger fish showed a definite preference for clam bait, with those using worm or mussel getting only small fish.

SOUTHOLD

Ace at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** tells us that the Sound is full of flounders for boats fishing out of Orient Station. Petty's Bight and the traps east of Orient Station are producing lots of fish averaging 3/4 to 1½ lbs. and Ace says there are lots of 2 and 3 lb. fish, all being caught on mussel, clam and worm. Outgoing tide is best. Three men fished 3 days in a row for weakfish, taking 11 Thursday, 25 Saturday and 18 Sunday, fish ranging from 3 to 13½ lbs. Squid-worm combos on a high hook did the trick. Also, red jelly worms or twisters tipped with squid caught. Red and white seemed to be the colors. In the Bay, Rose's Grove step area northeast to buoy 18 produced weakfish. A few were also taken between buoys 17 and 18. A few blacks taken at Orient up to 10 lbs. The nets at the brickyard are taking a lot of big blackfish but there is not much hook and line fishing going on.

Phil Gilermo had 6 weakfish from 5-8 lbs. on squid strips fished on a hi-lo rig working the rip at Jesseup's on Saturday.

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NOYAC

Barbara at **Noyac Marina** tells us that Saturday's high boat came in with six weakfish which was good considering the high winds. Friday saw weakfish caught up to 9 lbs. between buoys 16 and 17. Lots of school weaks are running with the larger fish. Weaks are hitting jelly worms with squid trailers. Rental boats are still getting nice flounder catches. One boat had 28 on Thursday fishing off the Monastery on sand worms while drifting.

SAG HARBOR

The **Wilhelric** reports flounder fishing remains excellent at Orient and Petty's Bight with the pool fish generally going 3-4 lbs. On Wednesday, there was a good showing at the north side of Gardiner's. Because of the excellent flounder action, the boat will fish weakfish nights only. Captain Artie says the bottom seems to be paved with flounder. The boat will be sailing day flounders and night weakfish at a $25 combination fare. See ad for details. Artie also tells us that weks have been caught Saturday at Robins Island on jelly worms.

Bay View Marine and Tackle tells of lots of flounder being caught at Cedar Point with a dropping tide best on a worm and mussel bait and a lot of mussel chum. Weakfish are around at buoy 16, Jessups. South Ferry and Mashomak Point on white Salty Dogs tipped with squid and either white or red jelly worms, also tipped with squid. The weaks have just started but by the weekend should be plentiful. A few flounder also being caught at Mashomak on worms and a few fluke are also being picked up on squid.

AQUEBOGUE

Warren's Bait and Tackle tells of weaks being caught now in the Bay, mostly at Cow Neck and Robin's Island. Best catches are on white or red jelly worms and also on Warren's specially made up weakfish lure. Both of these offerings work best when tipped with squid. The weaks are running up to 12 lbs. 8 oz. And boats are averaging 10-30 weakfish per. On Saturday a few sea run porgies were caught in the same area up to 3½ lbs. on squid. Flounder is thinning at Mattituck

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with fish moving east. Lots are between Greenport and Orient. A few Blackfish are being taken along the beach. The flounder and blacks are both hitting sandworm. Some stripers up to 18 lbs. have been taken at Wading River off the beach on small Rebels and #3 Hopkins.

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ROCKY POINT

Stan at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** reported that when they find them boats load up with mackerel in the vicinity of buoys 9 and 11. Flounder fishing in the area has appeared to have died off. Some blackfish being taken along area beaches on worms and clams.

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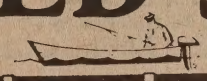

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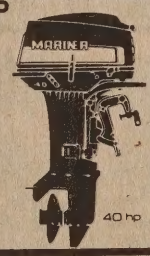

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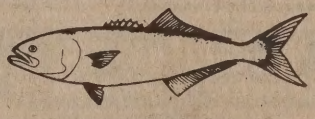

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Ralph's Fishing Station tells of loads of mackerel being caught out of his station in the Sound with some weaks up to 5 lbs. mixed in. Flounder action has been very good all along the beach with larger fish at Shoreham. Buoy 9 at Rocky Point has been very good. This is on running tides on sandworm, clam and mussel. Some blacks along the beaches with casters able to reach them also on clam.

PORT JEFFERSON

Caraftis Fishing Station reports lots and lots of mackerel at buoy 11. Weaks are mixed in, in the 3-4 lb. category. Tim saw a 12 lber. weighed in on Sunday. Blackfish are starting good on soft bait in close. Two hotspots are Mt. Misery Point and Old Field on clam and worm. Flounders are slowing down.

KINGS PARK

O.K. Bait and Tackle reports the mackerel fishing is fantastic. Saturday morning Tom Hewlitt and Dave Hoey fishing from 6-8AM had over 300 lbs. of mackerel. Friday, Arnold Discorsi, Neil Corry and Debbie Davis had over 400 lbs. of macks. Best was at the NR buoy. Flounders remain a good bet with a few blackfish mixed in at the NR, off Callahan's and off the Mansion.

NORTHPORT

Tom at **Bowman's Fishing Station** reported that flounder in his area appear to be petering out. He described the mackerel fishing as hit or miss but said that blackfish have begun making a strong showing in all of the rocky areas. They appear to be the best bet for this coming weekend. Both clams and worms have been accounting for the tautogs.

HUNTINGTON

Ronnie of **Ronnie's Bait & Tackle** reported fantastic mackerel fishing in the vicinity of the Lilco loading platform. Good flounder fishing continues off of Marshall Field and adjacent Sound beaches for those drifting sand worms and mussels. Fish are good sized, averaging ¾ lb. and running up to 1½ lbs.

George at **Four Winds Bait & Tackle** reported excellent flounder fishing off of Ashroken and Marshall Field. On Saturday, Mike Bentivigna along with his son and father took 91 flatties from ½ to 2 lbs. on worms and mussel chum. Blackfish just getting going and good mackerel fishing at the Lilco loading platform.

The Ever Ready has been enjoying what the skipper describes as incredible mackerel fishing. Sunday's morning trip saw a three-way tie for the pool among Michael Stewart of Huntington Station, Robert Scheltino

of Whitestone and Bob Reynolds of Jericho. Bushel baskets full of macks were carried off the boat. On Wednesday's run, Demetrios Michelis was high hook with 25 flounder. Mr. Fringler of Huntington took the pool with a 2½ lb. flattie. On Saturday, Mr. Zuchflat of Dix Hills took the pool with a 5 lb. black and a 2½ lb. flounder, plus 17 other keepers.

Captain Ray of the charter boat **Eclipse** called to say that Saturday and Sunday his boat was engulfed in a massive big mack attack. Saturday's charter for Bob Smith and friends saw excellent mackerel catches outside Huntington Bay. Sunday's charter for Drs. Vaccari and Sand and son Mike saw torrid action. It was unbelievable, said the skipper. By 11AM Sunday, there was just no more room in the boat for fish. Weaks are starting to show between buoy 13, Eatons and 11B.

GLEN COVE

The **Lady Lil II** reports his fares are bailing mackerel at Smithtown Bay. "Slaughter city" says Captain Joe, with acres and acres of fish between Eatons and Cranes Neck, macks up to 3 lbs., but mostly 2 lbers.

Glen Cove Sport Shop called to say the flounder are still going strong. They had several weigh-ins of trout over a pound for the freshwater trout fishing contest. Monday morning, an 8 lb. blackfish was caught off the Prible Pier. Blackfishing has been excellent overall.

NORTH SHORE WEST END
★ BEST BET ★
MACKS

CITY ISLAND

Greg at **City Island Bait & Tackle** reports most of the fishing in the area involves blackfish. Execution Light and the City Island Bridge have been producing good catches of the tautogs ranging from 2 to 11 lbs. on clam bait. Not much else happening in the area this past week.

The **Apache** reports flounder fishing still good, fish from ¾ to 1 lb., with blackfishing improving everyday. Fish are running up to 7 lbs.

Ebb Tide II very good mackerel fishing working an area just a little east of Smithtown. All fares are bagging up from 1-1½ sacks full. The skipper tells us he will be running afternoon mackerel trips Monday through Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 pm.

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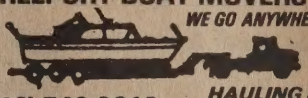

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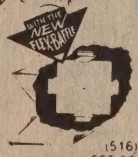

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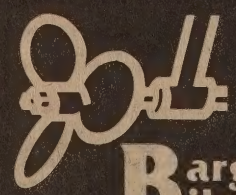

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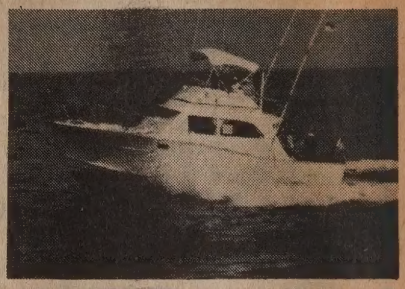

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This past week witnessed some encouraging signs of life along north shore beaches. Action with some stripers was brisk in some spots and a few weakfish began showing at Caumsett and Diamond Point late last week.

Montauk's first striper is now a matter of record and some big tiderunner weaks were taken by casters working the banks of the State Channel.

Before getting into this week's reports, I think it is worth mentioning that for many anglers living along the Island's south shore, there exists some fine weakfishing right at their own door step. Overlooked by most surfmen are the many mainland creeks and canals which dot the stretch of shore from Massapequa to Sayville. Huge weaks are a common occurrence to anglers who have taken the time to explore this "backyard fishing." Those same spots that surrendered buckets of snappers to you as a kid become home to weakfish during May and early June. Small Rebels, small spoons, half ounce eel worms and 1/4 oz. bucktails are all effective.

I visited one such spot Thursday evening and clicked with 9¼ lb. yellowfin. Give this close to home fishing a try. You may be pleasantly surprised.

South Shore

Lenny reported from **Santo's Sport Shop** in Staten Island that lots of short stripers are being taken on sand worms at Jersey Street and Sailors Snug Harbor. A couple of larger fish in the 3-4 lb. class have been mixed in. Great Kills Park continues to produce small bass on worms and the first blues fell to bait here over the weekend. At Penny Beach and Cliff Street, some schoolies being taken on small bucktails during outgoing water.

Lon Wanser from his Seaford Tackle Shop, knew of some weaks being taken in the back, but reported the surf on the outside as "dead."

Ski Kochanski told me from **Augie's** in Babylon that casters have been reporting some weakfish in the vicinity of the Captree Drawbridge. Ski knew of fish to 14 lbs. taken along the banks near the bridge. Bobby at the **Captree Bait Station** confirmed the report of some fish being taken by casters under the bridge. Hayes from the Oak Beach store reported a flurry of activity along the State Channel banks on Saturday, but said that the fishing died on Sunday. Best fish he was weighed in so far was an 11 lber. taken by a member of the High Hill Striper Club. Last Wednesday night, Hays teamed with John Fritz and journeyed over to the Northport power plant. The pair wound up with six small bass, all taken on sinking Rebels.

Tom at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in Shinnecock said that everything has been quiet on the outside. Most casters have been spending their time fishing the shore at Sebonac and Cow Neck for weaks. The latter location has produced fish up to 11 lbs. in recent days.

Now for that first Montauk striper. Tom Sepp took an 18 lber. on a small tin just before dark on Saturday. The fish was taken on Jones Reef. Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** who reported the catch said that netters continue to pick away at small bass and weaks along the beach.

NORTH SHORE

Greg at **City Island Bait and Tackle** said that while a few short bass were taken in Turtle Cove by casters surf fishing in the area was slow. The Huntington area seems to be coming alive if this week's reports are any indication. George Valentine reported from his **Four Winds Bait and Tackle** that Diamond Point surrendered a few weaks in the 3-7 lb. class and some school bass up to 6 lbs. at daybreak on Friday and Saturday. Most of the action was on Tri-fin eel worms. Plenty of shorts at Lilco with a few keepers mixed in. Small Rebels, Tri-Fin Eelworms and small bucktails all producing fish. Ronnie Ferrara of **Ronnie's Tackle Shop** relayed word that Mark Rinaldo took 3 bass in addition to a number of shorts along the Cold Spring Harbor causeway one night last week. A Rebel and a feather dropper took the fish. Ronnie knew that Caumsett produced a few bass and weakfish in recent days. Jim Porco stopped in with a 4 lb. striper that he took there on a small tin.

Still a lot of bass activity in the Rocky Point-Wading River area. Stan of the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** said that casters continue to take lots of shorts with an occasional larger bass mixed in. Stan checked in a 12 lber. taken on a sand worm at Wading River and a 9 lber. that fell to a tin at Hallock's Landing over the weekend. Most fish are being taken on small tins or sand worms. Lots of bait in the area also according to Stan.

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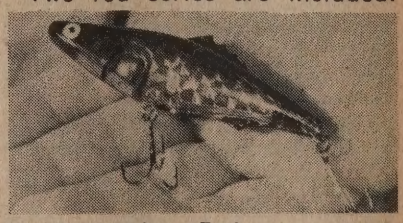

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HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR.	9:15	9:35	10:00	10:20	9:55	10:15	10:50	11:05	12:25	1:05	12:10	12:40	9:05	9:30	5/15
FRI.	10:05	10:20	10:50	11:10	10:45	11:05	11:40	11:50	1:15	1:55	12:55	1:35	9:55	10:20	5/16
SAT.	10:55	11:10	11:45	–	11:45	–	–	12:30	2:05	2:50	1:50	2:25	10:45	11:10	5/17
SUN.	11:45	–	12:00	12:35	12:00	12:40	12:45	1:25	2:55	3:50	2:40	3:15	11:40	–	5/18
MON.	12:00	12:40	12:55	1:35	12:50	1:35	1:40	2:25	3:55	4:45	3:30	4:10	12:00	12:30	5/19
TUE.	12:50	1:35	1:50	2:30	1:45	2:25	2:35	3:25	5:05	5:50	4:25	5:05	12:50	1:30	5/20
WED.	1:40	2:25	2:50	3:35	2:35	3:15	3:40	4:25	6:10	6:50	5:25	6:00	1:45	2:25	5/21
THUR.	2:35	3:20	3:45	4:30	3:30	4:10	4:40	5:25	7:15	7:45	6:20	6:55	2:45	3:20	5/22

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

5/16	5:38	8:15
5/17	5:37	8:16
5/18	5:36	8:17
5/19	5:35	8:18
5/20	5:34	8:19
5/21	5:33	8:20
5/22	5:33	8:21

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
5/14	5/21	5/29	5/7

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When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	5:40	—	6:15	12:30
Fri.	6:40	1:05	7:15	1:35
Sat.	7:50	2:05	8:15	2:35
Sun.	8:50	3:05	9:15	3:35
Mon.	9:50	4:05	10:15	4:30
Tues.	10:45	5:00	11:10	5:20
Wed.	11:35	5:50	—	6:10
Thurs.	—	6:30	12:25	6:50

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